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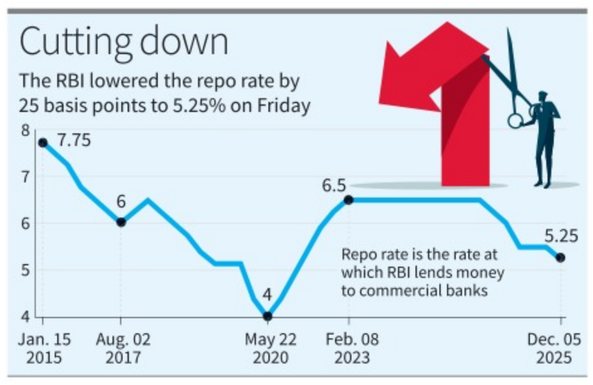

Cheaper loans likely as repo rate cut by 25 bps

Lalatendu Mishra
MUMBAI

The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Friday voted unanimously to reduce the policy repo rate by 25 basis points (bps) to 5.25% with immediate effect.

The decision comes against the backdrop of data showing that real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth accelerated to 8.2% in the second quarter and average headline inflation reduced to 1.7%, breaching the lower tolerance threshold (2%) of the inflation target (4%) set by the RBI.

With this, the MPC under Governor Sanjay Malhotra has cumulatively cut the repo rate by 125 basis points on four occasions. He took over as RBI Governor on December 11, 2024.

The reduction will lead to lower interest rates for borrowers and savers.

After this rate cut, the standing deposit facility rate under the liquidity adjustment facility (LAF) will stand adjusted to 5%.

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India-Russia friendship remains steady like the pole star, says PM

Russian President Putin, who is on a two-day state visit to India, and Modi hold bilateral talks; PM signals that energy ties will continue as a 'strong and vital pillar' of partnership, despite Western opposition; the two sides sign 16 agreements

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

Russian President Vladimir Putin and Prime Minister Narendra Modi at a reception at the Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi. R.V. MOORTHY

Appreciating Russian President Vladimir Putin for taking the India-Russia relationship to "new heights" over the past quarter of a century, Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid out an expansive canvas of energy and trade collaborations between the two countries, stretching to 2030. Addressing the media after bilateral talks at Hyderabad House on Friday, Mr. Modi described the India-Russia friendship as a "pole star" and called for a peaceful solution to Russia's war with Ukraine.

"Over the past eight decades, the world has witnessed many ups and downs. Humanity has faced numerous challenges and crises. Yet, through all of this, the India-Russia friendship has remained steady like a *dhruva tara* (pole star)," the Prime Minister said.

'Our ties a constant'

Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri expanded on the PM's use of the Hindi term '*dhruva tara*' during a later briefing, saying it referred to the "sustained and long-term significance of this relation". Highlighting the "sustainability and certainty" of India-Russia ties, Mr. Misri added, "This relationship is a constant. There have been several crises along the way but they have not altered the fundamentals of this relationship."

Mr. Putin's visit has attracted global attention as it comes months after U.S. President Donald Trump imposed punitive tariffs on India for purchasing Russian energy. Mr. Trump described his move as a tactic to push Russia to the negotiating table on Ukraine.

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Pacts to raise opportunities for Indian workers in Russia

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Indian and Russian governments on Friday signed two agreements that will enhance mobility of Indian semi-skilled and skilled workers to Russia, as official sources indicated that New Delhi will increasingly utilise India's "strength" in the category of "semi-skilled workers" in the coming years while adding dynamism to existing relations between the partner countries.

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Hijab-saffron shawl row resurfaces

HUBBALLI
The saffron shawl-hijab row has resurfaced in Haveri district, with some students attending classes wearing saffron shawl in protest against students attending classes wearing hijab in C.G. Bellad Government First Grade College. » PAGE 10

Man jumps on metro track, dies

BENGALURU
Services on the Purple Line of the Namma Metro were disrupted after a man allegedly jumped on the track at Kengeri station and lost his life on Friday. » PAGE 2

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IndiGo cancels over 1,000 flights, gets exemption from new night duty rules

Jagriti Chandra
NEW DELHI

IndiGo cancelled more than 1,000 flights on Friday and will axe hundreds more on Saturday, crippling air travel across India and sending airfares skyrocketing. These prompted the government to exempt the country's largest airline from meeting new rules until February 10.

The airline suspended all departures from the Delhi airport for the entire day to reboot its systems and stop cascading delays. It cancelled all its domestic flights from Chennai and all flights from Bengaluru to Delhi and Mumbai for the entire day.

"Cancellations were made today to align our aircraft and crew to be where they need to be in order to start afresh tomorrow morning. Measures of the last few days have regrettably proven to be not enough. We have decided today for a reboot of all our systems and schedules," IndiGo's chief executive officer (CEO) Pieter Elbers said in a recorded video message. He added that cancellations on Saturday were expected to be "below 1,000".

New norm: Distressed passengers at Rajiv Gandhi International Airport on the outskirts of Hyderabad on Friday. NAGARA GOPAL

The size and scale of IndiGo's operations meant normalcy is expected only between December 10 and 15, according to the CEO. The airline operates a total of 2,200 flights every day and accounts for six out of every 10 passengers who travel by air.

'Planning gaps'

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) granted IndiGo exemptions from night duty restrictions, including the cap on two landings, until February 10. The airline had admitted to the government that it underestimated the increased crew requirements, despite the court order issued in April 2025 on new duty hours, and acknowledged "planning gaps" in its operations for the rules that came into effect on November 1.

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Govt. to streamline its public communications framework

Devesh K. Pandey
NEW DELHI

The Union government has begun a sweeping revamp of its information network, through measures ranging from reorganising human resources to strengthening technological infrastructure.

The aim is to ensure real-time media response mechanisms and data-driven campaign planning for a more streamlined public communications framework, according to government officials.

In the near future, the intake of Indian Information Service (IIS) officials is likely to see a significant rise, given the increasing number of departments and functions that need to be covered under a unified communications system. Officials say that the proposal for an IIS cadre restructure is also in an advanced stage of consideration.

Cadre restructuring involves changing the number of posts, creating new ones or abolishing old ones, modifying roles and responsibilities, and improving promotion avenues and so on.

The last cadre restructuring was undertaken in August 2016.

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Unified outreach plan

The government is likely to execute the following moves in the near future, according to sources

- More intake of Indian Information Service officials to cater to rising number of departments and functions
- Restructuring of IIS cadre
- A Board on media communications, which could also oversee decisions on transfers and postings
- Creation of posts at more than 40 Embassies to strengthen communications mechanism overseas

SAF deployed in Mandya district too

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

To strengthen law and order and curb communal clashes, the State government has deployed a Special Action Force (SAF) in Mandya district, Home Minister G. Parameshwara announced on Friday.

The decision follows intelligence inputs and the State's efforts to prevent communal disturbances.

Dr. Parameshwara said the SAF had proved effective in Dakshina Kannada, Udupi, and Shivamogga districts, where more than 300 personnel received specialised training.

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Who will boss the F1 endgame?

In a year where McLaren has been head and shoulders above the rest, a three-way fight for the top prize going into the season-finale in Abu Dhabi would have been unthinkable. But a roller-coaster final third of the campaign has meant that Norris, Verstappen and Piastri are all in with a chance

S. Dipak Ragav

As the curtains come down on the 2025 Formula One season at the Yas Marina circuit in Abu Dhabi this weekend, a thrilling finale with Lando Norris, Max Verstappen and Oscar Piastri vying for the drivers' title awaits aficionados.

It is the first time since 2010 that at least three drivers will enter the final race with a mathematical chance of clinching the crown. On paper, this is a dream scenario – a championship undecided until the very end.

McLaren's Norris (408 points) leads reigning champion Verstappen by 12, with Piastri four points further behind in the second McLaren.

Yet, if one were to judge how history will remember the 76th championship, it will not be as a classic in terms of racing quality. That's because there is little reason why Verstappen should still have a chance of matching Michael Schumacher's record of five consecutive titles.

In a year where McLaren has dominated – winning 14 of the 23 races and boasting of the fastest car at more than two-thirds of the circuits – its drivers should have either sealed the title already or, at the very least, prevented a third contender from joining the fight.

But as the saying goes, a house divided against itself cannot stand. McLaren's two drivers in the hunt – Norris and Piastri – have repeatedly taken points off each other, allowing neither to pull away.

Add to that a mix of driver errors and questionable strategic calls, and Verstappen now has a realistic chance of retaining his title.

Manic period

All of this has happened in the last eight races. After the Dutch Grand Prix – the first race following the summer break – Piastri held a 34-point lead over Norris and a commanding 104-point advantage over Verstappen. Norris, incidentally, retired from that race with a power-unit failure.

If Verstappen pulls off another Houdini act on Sunday, it would mark one of the most remarkable comebacks in F1 history

But since then, the Australian has managed only two podiums, the latest coming in Qatar last weekend. Norris, who initially failed to capitalise on Piastri's slump, has since surged back to take the lead.

The biggest storyline, however, is how Verstappen and his team have rediscovered their mojo. The Red Bull was capricious for large parts, taking just two wins from the first 15 races.

However, despite falling far behind, the team persisted with upgrades, even as rivals shifted focus towards sprucing up their machines for 2026, which will see a major overhaul in rules.

McLaren, given the cushion it had built up by mid-season, stopped development too. But standing still is akin to going backwards, and the outfit has realised this rather painfully.

When the team had a comfortable lead over the rest of the pack, any missteps in qualifying, or even in the race, could be overcome with superior pace. But, as the post-break phase showed, Red Bull had bridged this gap to McLaren, and had the faster car in Italy, Baku (Azerbaijan), and the United States, with Verstappen cruising home in all three.

It was around this time that Piastri suffered an extended downturn. The 24-year-old, in only his third year in the sport, was the standout driver in the first half and had the measure of Norris.

Things, though, started falling apart at Monza in early September. Norris endured a slow pit stop and fell behind Piastri, but McLaren intervened to reset the order, taking many by surprise. Piastri later admitted that the episode had affected his confidence, and in the very next race in Baku, he uncharacteristically crashed both in qualifying and the race.

Matters came to a head at the subsequent event in Singapore when Norris elbowed out Piastri in the opening lap and eventually claimed third place. But the team refused to intervene despite an internal agreement which barred drivers from hitting each other.

Even as Piastri was struggling, Norris had underwhelming results in Baku and Singapore, finishing seventh and third respectively. But over the next three races in Austin, Mexico City and Brazil, the complexion changed. All three venues were low-grip tracks, which exposed a weakness in Piastri's driving style, and he could only muster a hat-trick of fifth places.

Norris, who revels under tricky situations, hit a purple patch, winning in Mexico and Brazil while finishing second behind Verstappen in the U.S. To boot, Norris also won the Brazil sprint race in which Piastri crashed while running second. All of this meant the Brit suddenly built up a 24-point lead over the Aussie with three races to go and sat 49 clear of Verstappen. The turning point, though, came at the Las Vegas Grand Prix two weeks ago. Verstappen beat pole-sitter Norris off the line and cantered to victory.

Norris and Piastri took the chequered flag second and fourth respectively, but drama unfolded during post-race scrutineering. The two McLarens were deemed to have had excessive plank wear, leading to their disqualification. This resulted in a 25-point swing in favour of Verstappen.

To compound matters, the Dutchman benefited again last weekend when McLaren squandered a win in Qatar with a poor strategic call. It did not pit its drivers during a Safety Car period when pretty much everyone else did.

This meant that the team running first and third – Piastri ahead of Verstappen followed by Norris – had to service their drivers during normal race conditions, giving up valuable race time. Pitting under a Safety Car would have minimised the loss in time as cars on the track run at reduced speed.

Verstappen collected his seventh win of the season while Piastri and Norris finished second and fourth when they could have been first and third. As Abu Dhabi beckons, the Red Bull driver (396) is now ahead of Piastri (392) and is breathing down Norris' neck (408).

All bets are off

Though all three can win, Norris will feel he has things under control and needs only a podium finish to secure his maiden title. The McLaren should still be the fastest car around Yas Marina, and even with a quick Verstappen around, finishing on the rostrum should not be a challenge if he drives a clean race.

But Norris needs to guard himself from being timid in combat, something he has been guilty of in the past. For Piastri, the equation is straightforward, and in a way, he is unburdened. He needs to win, or at best finish second and hope for his rivals to trip.

The wild card in the pack is Verstappen, a four-time champion and the undisputed best. Crucially, unlike the McLaren duo, the maverick Red Bull driver knows what it takes to prevail in the final race of the year, having done so in sensational – and controversial – circumstances at this venue four years ago, when he edged out Lewis Hamilton for his first crown.

If Verstappen pulls off another Houdini act on Sunday, it would not only mark one of the most remarkable comebacks in F1 history, but further burnish his credentials as one of the greatest drivers – if not *the* greatest – to have graced the sport.

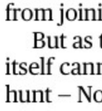
GETTY IMAGES

STACKING UP

Badminton Men's Ranking

#	Player	Points	Events
1	Shi Yu Qi	112,047	12
2	Anders Antonsen	98,313	17
3	Kunlavut Vitidsarn	96,179	18
4	Jonatan Christie	84,124	18
5	Li Shi Feng	82,728	18
6	Chou Tien Chen	80,989	27
7	Alex Lanier	72,611	15
8	Christo Popov	70,690	19
9	Kodai Naraoka	69,254	23
10	Loh Kean Yew	65,709	20
11	Weng Hong Yang	63,710	19
12	Lin Chun-Yi	62,130	22
13	Lakshya Sen	60,402	21
14	Kenta Nishimoto	59,732	25
15	Toma Junior Popov	55,101	19

Top Indians ▸


Lakshya Sen
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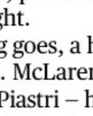
Ayush Shetty,
Rank 30

Badminton Women's Ranking

#	Player	Points	Events
1	An Se Young	113,770	16
2	Wang Zhi Yi	105,362	17
3	Akane Yamaguchi	91,964	16
4	Han Yue	91,350	16
5	Chen Yu Fei	89,935	16
6	Pornpawee Chochuwong	71,488	18
7	Putri Kusuma Wardani	69,730	20
8	Ratchanok Intanon	68,064	21
9	Tomoka Miyazaki	63,064	21
10	Gregoria Mariska Tunjung	59,900	12
11	Sim Yu Jin	57,989	13
12	Supanida Katethong	56,627	15
13	Gao Fang Jie	56,550	17
14	Michelle Li	55,980	21
15	Busanan Ongbamrungphan	54,890	18

Top Indians ▸

P.V. Sindhu
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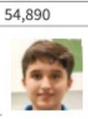
Unnati Hooda,
Rank 28

F1 Drivers' Standings

#	Driver	Team	Points	Wins
1	Lando Norris	McLaren	408	7
2	Max Verstappen	Red Bull Racing	396	7
3	Oscar Piastri	McLaren	392	7
4	George Russell	Mercedes	309	2
5	Charles Leclerc	Ferrari	230	0
6	Lewis Hamilton	Ferrari	152	0
7	Kimi Antonelli	Mercedes	150	0
8	Alexander Albon	Williams	73	0
9	Carlos Sainz	Williams	64	0
10	Isack Hadjar	Racing Bulls	51	0
11	Nico Hulkenberg	Kick Sauber	49	0
12	Fernando Alonso	Aston Martin	48	0
13	Oliver Bearman	Haas F1 Team	41	0
14	Liam Lawson	Racing Bulls	38	0
15	Yuki Tsunoda	Red Bull Racing	33	0
16	Esteban Ocon	Haas F1 Team	32	0
17	Lance Stroll	Aston Martin	32	0
18	Pierre Gasly	Alpine	22	0
19	Gabriel Bortoleto	Kick Sauber	19	0
20	Franco Colapinto	Alpine	0	0

Lando Norris

Max Verstappen

F1 Constructors' Standings

Pos	Team	Points	Wins
1	McLaren	800	14
2	Mercedes	459	2
3	Red Bull Racing	426	7
4	Ferrari	382	0
5	Williams	137	0
6	Racing Bulls	92	0
7	Aston Martin	80	0
8	Haas F1 Team	73	0
9	Kick Sauber	68	0
10	Alpine	22	0

English Premier League Standings

#	Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Arsenal	14	10	3	1	27	7	20	33
2	Man. City	14	9	1	4	32	16	16	28
3	Aston Villa	14	8	3	3	20	14	6	27
4	Chelsea	14	7	3	4	25	15	10	24
5	Crystal Palace	14	6	5	3	18	11	7	23
6	Sunderland	14	6	5	3	18	14	4	23
7	Brighton	14	6	4	4	24	20	4	22
8	Man. United	14	6	4	4	22	21	1	22
9	Liverpool	14	7	1	6	21	21	0	22
10	Everton	14	6	3	5	15	17	-2	21
11	Tottenham	14	5	4	5	23	18	5	19
12	Newcastle	14	5	4	5	19	18	1	19
13	Brentford	14	6	1	7	21	22	-1	19
14	Bournemouth	14	5	4	5	21	24	-3	19
15	Fulham	14	5	2	7	19	22	-3	17
16	N. Forest	14	4	3	7	14	22	-8	15
17	Leeds United	14	4	2	8	16	26	-10	14
18	West Ham	14	3	3	8	16	28	-12	12
19	Burnley	14	3	1	10	15	28	-13	10
20	Wolves	14	0	2	12	7	29	-22	2

Spanish LaLiga Standings

#	Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Barcelona	15	12	1	2	42	17	25	37
2	Real Madrid	15	11	3	1	32	13	19	36
3	Villarreal	14	10	2	2	29	13	16	32
4	Atletico	15	9	4	2	28	14	14	31
5	Real Betis	14	6	6	2	22	14	8	24
6	Espanyol	14	7	3	4	18	16	2	24
7	Getafe	14	6	2	6	13	15	-2	20
8	Athletic Club	15	6	2	7	14	20	-6	20
9	Rayo Vallecano	14	4	5	5	13	15	-2	17
10	Real Sociedad	14	4	4	6	19	21	-2	16
11	Elche CF	14	3	7	4	15	17	-2	16
12	Celta de Vigo	14	3	7	4	16	19	-3	16
13	Sevilla FC	14	5	1	8	19	23	-4	16
14	Alaves	14	4	3	7	12	15	-3	15
15	Valencia	14	3	5	6	13	22	-9	14
16	Real Mallorca	14	3	4	7	15	22	-7	13
17	Osasuna	14	3	3	8	12	18	-6	12
18	Girona	14	2	6	6	13	26	-13	12
19	Levante	14	2	3	9	16	26	-10	9
20	Real Oviedo	14	2	3	9	7	22	-15	9

Test Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Joe Root	884	932
2	Harry Brook	853	898
3	Kane Williamson	850	919
4	Steve Smith	809	947
5	Travis Head	792	884
6	Kamindu Mendis	781	784
7	Temba Bavuma	775	806
8	Yashasvi Jaiswal	750	858
9	Daryl Mitchell	748	804
10	Ben Duckett	739	787

Test Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Jasprit Bumrah	879	908
2	Matt Henry	846	846
3	Noman Ali	843	853
4	Pat Cummins	830	914
5	Marco Jansen	825	825
6	Mitchell Starc	820	820
7	Josh Hazlewood	807	864
7	Kagiso Rabada	807	902
9	Scott Boland	785	785
10	Nathan Lyon	765	812

ODI Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Rohit Sharma	783	882
2	Daryl Mitchell	766	782
3	Ibrahim Zadran	764	764
4	Virat Kohli	751	909
5	Shubman Gill	738	847
6	Babar Azam	722	898
7	Harry Tector	708	767
8	Shai Hope	701	802
9	Shreyas Iyer	693	710
10	Charith Asalanka	690	725

ODI Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Rashid Khan	710	799
2	Jofra Archer	670	683
3	Keshav Maharaj	653	741
4	Maheesh Theekshana	647	686
5	Bernard Scholtz	645	648
6	Kuldeep Yadav	641	761
7	Mitchell Santner	636	657
8	Josh Hazlewood	628	727
9	Abrar Ahmed	624	630
10	Matt Henry	619	691

T20I Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Abhishek Sharma	920	931
2	Phil Salt	849	881
3	Pathum Nissanka	779	794
4	Jos Buttler	770	794
5	Tilak Varma	761	845
6	Sahibzada Farhan	752	776
7	Travis Head	713	885
8	Suryakumar Yadav	691	912
9	Mitchell Marsh	684	694
10	Tim Seifert	683	727

T20I Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Varun Chakaravarthy	780	803
2	Jacob Duffy	699	750
3	Rashid Khan	694	828
4	Abrar Ahmed	691	703
5	Wanindu Hasaranga	687	809
6	Adil Rashid	686	747
7	Akeal Hosein	675	726
8	Mustafizur Rahman	665	718
9	Nathan Ellis	660	678
10	Adam Zampa	655	746

The Kerala Minerals and Metals Ltd

(A Govt. of Kerala Undertaking) Sankaramangalam, Kollam 691583
Phone: 0476-2651215 to 217 e-mail: md@kmml.com

TENDER NOTICE

For more details please visit E-Tendering Portal, https://etenders.kerala.gov.in or www.kmml.com

No.	Tender ID	Item
1.	2025_KMML_821556_1	Supply and Commissioning of UPS System 2x15 KVA
2.	2025_KMML_821554_1	Supply of Support Roller with Shaft (in Assembled condition) for k-302 Calciner Cooler
3.	2025_KMML_821543_1	Supply of Aluminium Chloride
4.	2025_KMML_820760_1	Tender for Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) works for proposed brownfield project for modernization and improvement of recovery
5.	2025_KMML_821535_1	Supply of MCC 4
6.	2025_KMML_821546_1	Procurement of 1100V grade Power cable Aluminium Conforming
7.	2025_KMML_821528_1	Supply of Structural Steel

Chavara 06.12.2025 *Sd/-* Managing Director for The Kerala Minerals and Metals Ltd.

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No.: B31/SEE(IT)/EEE(IT-1)/66258/2025-26 Date: 05.12.2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Mode Only)

KPTCL invites bid against enquiry No: KPTCL/B31/SEE(IT)/EE(IT-1)/AEE2/66247/8/2025-26 for **"Feasibility Studies for 765kV Network Corridor in Karnataka"** The bids will be received through e-procurement mode only. The detailed notification regarding the enquiry can be obtained by logging onto KPTCL website https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in on the hyperlink 'E Procurement KPTCL' or to https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in on or after 06-12-2025, 5.00 PM. Other details can be obtained from the office of the under signed.

Sd/- Chief General Manager (Tech), KPTCL
Corporate Office, 2nd Floor, Kaveri Bhavan, Bengaluru-560 009.

ನಗರಸಭಾ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ದಾಂಡೇಲಿ

ಕಛೇರಿ ವಿಳಾಸ: ಸಿವ್ಹಿಕ್ ಸೆಂಟರ್ ಏರಿಯಾ, ಜೆ.ಎನ್ ರಸ್ತೆ, ದಾಂಡೇಲಿ–581325
ಕಛೇರಿ ಫೋನ ನಂ: 08284–231482
www.dandelicity.gov.in, E-mail id: itstaff_ulb_dandeli@yahoo.co.in
ನಂ:ನಸದಾಂ:ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ:ಟೆಂಡರ:ವಿವ/2025–26 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 29–11–2025

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ. ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಮಾತ್ರ)

ದಾಂಡೇಲಿ ನಗರಸಭೆಗೆ 2025–26 ಸಾಲಿನ ಜಲ್–ಹಿ–ಅಮೃತ್ ಯೋಜನೆಯ ಪ್ರೋತ್ಸಾಹ ಧನ, 2025–26 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ 15ನೇ ಹಣಕಾಸು ನಿರ್ಬಂಧಿತ ಅನುದಾನದಲ್ಲಿ ಮಂಜೂರಾದ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ ಹಾಗೂ ನಿಯಮಾವಳಿ – 2000 KPPP Portal ಮೂಲಕ ದ್ವಿ–ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಐಟಂವಾರು KW-1, KW-4, ಕರಾರಿನಂತೆ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಾಯಿತ ಹಾಗೂ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು **(1) DMA/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT50561/Call-2** (ಇತರೆ) **(2) DMA/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT50586/Call-2** (ಇತರೆ) **(3) DMA/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT49484/Call-3** (ಇತರೆ) ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in ಮೂಲಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಫಾರ್ಮಗಳನ್ನು ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಿ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವುದು. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು ನಗರಸಭೆಯ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ **www.dandelicity.mrc.gov.in** ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.

ಟೆಂಡರು ವಿವರ: (1) ಟೆಂಡರ ಕುರಿತು ವಿಚಾರಣೆಗಾಗಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 17–12–2025 16:00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ (2) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪೂರ್ವಭಾವಿ ಸಭೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 18–12–2025 11:00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ (3) ಟೆಂಡರು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 20–12–2025 16:30 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ (4) ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 22–12–2025 17:00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ (5) ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 23–12–2025 11:00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ

ಸಹಿ/–(ಶ್ರೀ ವಿವೇಕ ಬನ್ಸೆ)KMAS
ಪೌರಾಯುಕ್ತರು, ನಗರಸಭೆ, ದಾಂಡೇಲಿ

DIPR/ADK/KSMCA/797/25-26 dt.05.12.2025

KRISHNA BHAGYA JALA NIGAM LIMITED

(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL, Dam Division, Almatti-586201.
Tq:B.Bagewadi Dt: Vijayapur. Phone:08426-281027 E-mail:dam_division@rediffmail.com

No: KBJNL/DDA/QUOTATION/2025-26/2351 Dated:04.12.2025

ENQUIRY OF RATES

Almatti Dam is major multi-purpose Reservoir project of national importance. The Dam is provided with 26 No's of spillway radial crest gates. It is requested to submit the quotation rates for the following item of works pertaining to hydro mechanical components to spillway radial crest gates of Almatti Dam for the purpose of preparation of estimate. The details of item of works are as follows.

Sl. No	Name of work	Unit	Quantity	Unit Rate in Rs. Excluding GST
1	**Hydraulic hoisting system:** Detailed site investigation, Design, Supply, Installation and commissioning of Hydraulic Hoisting Cylinders two numbers per gate, each of 115 Ton hoisting capacity (total 230 Ton) along with stainless steel piston rod (stem) X22CrNi17 conforming DIN 17440-No 1.4057 for each spillway radial crest gate of Almatti Dam including dismantling existing hoisting system (and buyback), with all necessary accessories, etc including cost of all materials, machinery, labour transportation, testing against full load complete with all leads and lifts as directed by Engineer in charge. The Technical specifications of the Hoisting system are as under: 1. Hoisting Capacity : 230 T consisting of two cylinders of 115 Ton capacity each 2. Stroke Length : 9.60 M 3. Length of Cylinder : 11.00 M 4. Design pressure : 220 Kg/cm2	Each	26	
2	**Installation of hydraulic power packs:** Design, supply, installation, commissioning of hydraulic power pack unit for hydraulic hoisting of spillway gates of Almatti Dam including design of suitable oil distribution network (stainless steel pipes) as per applicable standards & replacement of existing distribution pipes with stainless steel distribution system as per DIN standards, topping up of ISO VG 68/66 hydraulic oil, Digital Volt meter & Ammeter, Painting with zink rich primer, Commissioning of PU etc including cost of all construction of RCC room with UPVC sliding door with UPVC windows, dismantling existing structure, materials, machinery, labour, transportation, testing against full load, complete with all leads and lifts, disposal of dismantled materials, etc. as directed by Engineer in charge.	Each	26	
3	**Rectification of Trunnion assembly:** Survey, Investigation, Design, fabrication of rectification as per approved design of trunnion assembly to each spillway radial crest gate of Almatti Dam to achieve intended opening of gates including cost of obtaining expert opinion, reporting, approval to the design, rectification of obstruction, fabrication of rectification trunnion flange limb with same material, commissioning of spillway radial crest gate to full height (up to FRL 519.60 M & 524.256 M), testing against full load, etc., including cost of all materials, machinery, fabrication, labor, transportation complete with all leads and lifts as directed by the Engineer in charge.	Each	26	
4	**Overhauling of stoplog grooves and lifting beam:** Survey, Investigation, measurements, verification of dimensions of the stoplog grooves with respect to the existing stoplog elements using dummy frame resembling the existing stoplog unit to remove/rectify the interference/fouling of the guide track and other embedded elements, chipping/trimming/filling in the concrete portion, grinding/welding/filling at the fouling steel elements if required, for proper lowering of stop log units in the stop log groove, exercising stoplog elements into vent, re-commissioning of stoplog elements and overhauling. Servicing, design verification, rectification of the lifting beam for self-engagement/disengagement during lowering and retracting of stoplogs including cost obtaining experts opinion, reporting, obtaining approval from department, etc., including cost of all materials, machinery, labor, transportation, demonstration of smooth operation, etc. complete with all leads and lifts as directed by Engineer in charge.	Job	26	

For further details it is requested to visit the undersigned office personally and get the details of work. It is suggested to visit the site before submitting quotations. The quotations should be submitted in sealed cover or by mail. The last date submission of quotation is on: **16.12.2025.**
Contact e-mail Address: dam_division@rediffmail.com
Contact Mobile No: Sri Tarasing Dodamani, EE, Mob No: 94484 05892, Sri Vithal Jadhav, A.E. Mob No: 89713 61932

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
KBJNL, Dam Division, Almatti

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BENGALURU SOUTH CITY CORPORATION

Office of the Executive Engineer, Hemmigepura Division, Opposite to Sagar Hospital, Kumaraswamy Layout, Bengaluru - 560 078.

No:EE(HP)/TEND/01/2025-26 Date: 04-12-2025

CANCELLATION OF TENDER NOTIFICATION

Subject: Regarding Tender Cancellation

Reference: 1) Tender notification No: **EE(HP)/TEND/01/2025-26** Date : 20-11-2025
2) Tender Corrigendum No: **EE(HP)/TEND/01/2025-26** Date : 01-12-2025

With reference to above, Improvements to existing asphalted road by resurfacing with proper camber, shoulder formation, side drain improvement and road safety measures to selected Arterial. Sub-Arterial and other Important Roads in Hemmigepura Division. Bengaluru South City Corporation under GOK Capital Support for Special Infrastructure Projects (CSSIP). (Comprising of 2 Works in G.O. No: UDD 475 MNY 2025. Dated: 14-11-2025, BSCC Annexure-5 Sl. No. 14 and 15) PACKAGE No. CSSIP-HP-01 Due to Technical Reasons the invited Tender for package works is cancelled.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Hemmigepura Division

BENGALURU SOUTH CITY CORPORATION

Office of the Executive Engineer, Hemmigepura Division, Jayanagar 2nd Block, Bengaluru.

No:EE/BSCC/HP/TEND/01/2025-26 Date: 05-12-2025

Short Term Tender Notification

(Two Tender Document System) GoK KPP Portal only
website: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

The Executive Engineer, Hemmigepura Division, BSCC, Bengaluru, invites tenders from eligible contractors registered in Greater Bengaluru Authority (BBMP) or equivalent registration with CPWD/KPWD/Railway/MES or any State Government Organisations for the constructions of work detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work:
1.	Improvements to existing asphalted road by resurfacing with proper camber, shoulder formation, side drain improvement and road safety measures to selected arterial, subarterial and other important Roads in Hemmigepura Division, Bengaluru South City Corporation under GOK Capital Support for Special Infra Projects (CSSIP) (Comprising of 2 works in G.O.No. UDD 475 MNY 2025 dated 14.12.2025, BSCC Annexure-5 Sl.No. 14&15) Package No. CSSIP-HP-01. **Approximate value of work (₹. in Lakh): 1060.00, EMD ₹. (Rs.1.00 Lakh through online payment & Rs.9.60 Lakh through BG).**

Calendar of Events: (1) Tender can be downloaded from **08.12.2025. (2)** Pre Bid meeting will be held on **15.12.2025 at 3:00 p.m.** in the Office of the Chief Engineer, Jayanagar Zone (Zone-1), Bengaluru South City Corporation, 9th Main, 9th Cross, Jayanagar 2nd Block, Bengaluru-560 011. **(3)** Last date for tender queries **22.12.2025 upto 4:30 p.m. (4)** Last date for submission of tenders **23.12.2025 upto 4:30 p.m. (5)** Technical Bids will be opened on **24.12.2025 at 4:30 p.m.**

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Hemmigepura Division, BSCC.

KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED

(Government of Karnataka Enterprises)
Office of the Executive Engineer, KNNL, Dandavathi Reservoir Project Division, Shikaripura.

Short Term Tender Notification- 22/2025-26 Date: 03-12-2025
(Two document System & KPPP System only)

Short term percentage tender are invited as per K.P.P.P by Executive Engineer KNNL DRP Division Shikaripura on behalf of Managing Director KNNL Bangalore from eligible contractors such as KPWD Class-IV and Above. (For Sl.No 03 Schedule Caste Contractors Should be Participated) The tenderers are required to submit tenders only through K.P.P portal of Govt of Karnataka **(http://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in).**

Construction works for Lake Bund, Foot Bridge (03 works) in Soraba Taluk of Shivamogga dist Work Amount put to tender Rs. 49.91 Lakhs to Rs. 14.94 Lakhs and EMD Rs. 0.85 Lakhs to Rs. 0.16 lakhs 1) Date of downloading & submission of tender (through KPPP) will be on **05-12-2025 to 12-12-2025 up to 5.30 PM 2)** Last date for queries Dtd: **11-12-2025 up to 5.30 PM 3)** Opening of technical bid will be on **15-12-2025 @ 11.00 AM 4)** Financial bid will be opened after approval of technical bid.

For more details visit website **(http:// www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in).**

Sd/-
Executive Engineer. KNNL,
DRP Division, Shikaripura

DIPR/SMG/No-21-12/zenkar/2025-26

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No. CGM(Tech)/DGM(PROC&APCC)/EE-Proc/AEE-6/2025-26/4663-678 Date: 05.12.2025

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Only)

KPTCL invites Bids on electronic mode for the following work against following Enquiry Number:

Enquiry number/ Name of the Work
KPTCL/2025-26/SS/WORK_INDENT3047
Work for Restoration of collapsed tower no.6 at the middle of HDMC garbage dump yard of existing **220kV SRS Hubballi–Narendra** DC line and Heightening of line between Tower no.5 to 7 to maintain the safe ground clearance at HDMC garbage dump yard in Hubballi Taluk, Dharwad district on **Total Turnkey Basis** including Supply of all Materials/ equipments, Erection (Including Civil and dismantling Works) of all materials/equipments, Testing and Commissioning.

The bids will be received through KPP Portal only. The details regarding participation in the e-tendering process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink "E Procurement KPTCL" or **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **08.12.2025 at 15:00hrs.** Last date & time for receipt of Bids is **17.12.2025 at 15:00hrs. Any extension of Due date for Bid submission will be intimated in the Karnataka Public Procurement portal.** Any details required in this regard can also be had from the Office of the undersigned during Office hours.

All Corrigendum/Addendums shall be noticed by the bidders before the last date of submission of the Bids.

Sd/- **Chief General Manager(Tech)., KPTCL, Corporate Office, 2nd Floor, Kaveri Bhavan, Bengaluru - 560 009.**

ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ಕುಟುಂಬ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣ ಇಲಾಖೆ

ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಆಕುಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಎನ್.ಪಿ.ಸಿ.ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆ ಆವರಣ, ನಜರ್‌ಬಾದ್, ಮೈಸೂರು – 10
ದೂರವಾಣಿ : 0821–2979772 ಇ–ಮೇಲ್: -khsdrp.divmys@gmail.com
ಸಂ: ಆಕುಕ/ಇಂ.ವಿ./ಕಾ.ಆ/ಮೈ/ಸಇ–1&2/ಟೆಂಡರ್–4,9,10–3ನೇ ಕೆ/AAM/2025–26 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 02.12.2025

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು, ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ಕುಟುಂಬ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣ ಇಲಾಖೆ. ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಮೈಸೂರು ವಿಭಾಗ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಗೆ ಒಳಪಡುವ **ಮಂಡ್ಯ, ಹಾಸನ ಮತ್ತು ಚಿಕ್ಕಮಗಳೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಆಯುಷ್ಮಾನ್ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಮಂದಿರ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳಲು** ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಾಯಿಸಲಾದ **ಮೂರನೇ ದರ್ಜೆ ಮತ್ತು ಮೇಲ್ಪಟ್ಟ ಅರ್ಹ ಸಿವಿಲ್ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ** ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಒಟ್ಟಾರೆ 14 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, **ಕನಿಷ್ಟ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. 53.15 ರಿಂದ ಗರಿಷ್ಠ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ.54.72 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಾಗಿರುತ್ತವೆ.**

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆ ವೇಳಾಪಟ್ಟಿ ಮತ್ತು ಇತರೆ ವಿವರಗಳು:–1) ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಯ: **09.12.2025ರಂದು 16.00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ (2)** ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಯ (ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್): **10.12.2025 ರಂದು 16.30 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ.** ಟೆಂಡರ್ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ವಿದ್ಯುನ್ಮಾನ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆ ವೇದಿಕೆ ಮೂಲಕ (Through KPPP) **https://kppp. karnataka.gov.in** ದಿಂದ ಡೌನ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬಹುದು.

ಸೂಚನೆ: 1) ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಸಹಿ ಮಾಡಿರುವವರು ಯಾವುದೇ ಕಾರಣಗಳನ್ನು ನೀಡದೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆಯನ್ನು ಮುಂದೂಡುವ/ಸಂಪೂರ್ಣವಾಗಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ರದ್ದುಗೊಳಿಸುವ/ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ನಿರಾಕರಿಸುವ ಹಕ್ಕನ್ನು ಹೊಂದಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. **2)** ಇನ್ನು ಮುಂದೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದೇ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಗಳು ಇದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನ ಪತ್ರಿಕೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಬದಲಾಗಿ ವಿದ್ಯುನ್ಮಾನ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆ ವೇದಿಕೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತ್ರ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು
ಆಕುಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಮೈಸೂರು.

DIPR/MYS/1332/SA/2025-26

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
ZILLA PANCHAYATH, BELLARY

Office of the Executive Engineer, P.R.E. Division, Bellary.

No. EE/PRED/BLY/AE-1/Various Heads/2025-26/1428 Dt. 04-12-2025.

Short TermTender Notification (Through KPPP Portal only)

On behalf of Hon'ble Governor of Karnataka tenders are invited from the eligible contractors who have enrolled in Panchayath Raj Engineering Department for 05 works comprising of approved Road and Building works under 2022-23 & 2023-24 KKRDB, 2025-26 Family welfare and Health Dept 2210-00-101-0-36, 2025-26 2435 Horticultural Dept Works , through KPPP portal.

Indent No.
1.RDPR/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT21240
2.RDPR/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT21227
3.RDPR/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT21241
4.RDPR/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT21205
5.RDPR/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT21185
6.RDPR/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT21208
7.RDPR/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT21181
8.RDPR/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT21173
9.RDPR/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT21232
10.RDPR/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT21263
11.RDPR/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT21235
12.RDPR/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT21228

Contractors are required to submit the tender before 24-10-2025 at 4.30 PM by uploading the relevant documents through KPPP portal website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in by downloading the formats for submission of tenders from 09-10-2025 to 24-10-2025 at 4.30 PM. Tenders will be opened through KPPP portal on 27-10-2025 at 10.30 AM. Any changes in the notification will be published KPPP website only. Accepting/rejection of tenders without assigning reason is reserved. Any details can be obtained in person at the office or through telephone No. 08392-266173.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Panchayath Raj Engineering Division Ballari
DIPR/Ballari/749/KSMCA/2025-26

धुळे महानगरपालिका, धुळे

बांधकाम विभाग – ई निविदा सुचना क्र. ११२ सन 2025–26

मा. आयुक्त, धुळे महानगरपालिका, धुळे हे खालील कामाकरीता ई–निविदा प्रणालीद्वारे (ऑनलाईन) कुठलाही सक्षम कंत्राटदार, निविदेतील अटी व शर्ती पुर्ण करतील अशा पात्र कंत्राटदारांकडुन B_1 नमुन्यातील निविदा ई–निविदा प्रणालीद्वारे (ऑनलाईन) मागवीत आहोत.

मनपा निधी अंतर्गत सन २०२५–२६ अंतर्गत एकूण (०२) कामे समाविष्ट असून या निविदांची संपूर्ण माहिती व निविदेतील अटी व शर्ती दि. ०८/१२/२०२५ रोजी संध्याकाळी १७.०५ ते दि.१५/१२/२०२५ रोजी सकाळी ११.०० वाजेपावेतो डाऊन लोडींगसाठी https://mahatenders.gov.in या संकेतस्थळावर उपलब्ध करून देण्यात येईल. सदर कामांची निविदा दि. १६/१२/२०२५ रोजी सकाळी ११.०५ वाजता शक्य झाल्यास उघडण्यात येईल.

प्राप्त होणाऱ्या निविदांपैकी एक किंवा सर्व निविदा स्वीकारण्याचे अथवा नाकारण्याचे अधिकार सक्षम अधिकारी यांचेकडे राहतील.

सही/–
आयुक्त तथा प्रशासक
धुळे महानगरपालिका, धुळे

जा.क्र./ धुमपा/ बां.वि./ १०१/ 2025–26
दिनांक ५/१२/2025

Karnataka Residential Educational Institutions Society, Bangalore

(A Government of Karnataka Institutions)
No.8, MSB-1, 6th & 7th Floor, Cunningham Road, Bengaluru – 560052.

KREIS/INFR/OTH/117/2025-ADMN/E-221454 Dated: 05.12.2025

TENDER NOTIICATION (Through E-Tendering Only)

Short term re-Tenders have been invited on 04.12.2025 for Supply of Grinders to Schools functioning under the Karnataka Residential Educational Institutions Society across Karnataka. Through e-Portal vide Indent No: KREIS/2025-26/IND0081/Call-3 and the last date for receipt of tenders is 13.12.2025. The details may be viewed in the **http://e-procurement.gov.in** website.

Sd/- Joint Director (Admin)
and Tender Inviting Authority
KREIS, Bengaluru.

DIPR/CP/4240/AKAR/2025-26

Govt. of Karnataka
Department of AYUSH

Dhanvanthri Road, Bengaluru-560009, Phone: 080-22876553, Fax: 080-22340139, Email : directorayush.eproc@gmail.com

No: AYUSH/469/DLAI/2024 Dt: 04-12-2025

E-Tender Notification (Through kpp portal only)

http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

The e-tender in Two Document Systems invited from the Tender Inviting Authority and Accounts Officer, Department of AYUSH, Bengaluru, **TENDER FOR PROVIDING TESTING/ANALYSIS SERVICES FOR AYUSH DRUGS UNDER NAM SCHEME BY NABL ACREDITED LABORATORIES OR APPROVED BY THE COMPETANT AUTHORITY (FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR)** as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurements Act 1999-2000 Rules there under

Calender of Events

1.	The Tender document will be available from	**04-12-2025 on 5:30 p.m.**
2.	Last date and time for uploading tender documents through kppp	**20-12-2025 upto 5:30 p.m.**
3.	Date and Time for opening of Technical bids	**22-12-2025 at 11.30 a.m.**

For further details may be viewed at above website.

Sd/- Accounts Officer/Chairman
(Tender Inviting Authority) Directorate of Ayush,
Dhanvanthri Road, Bengaluru-09

DIPR/CP/RO4231/AAPL/2025-26

ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ – ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ

ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಧಾರವಾಡ.
ದೂ. : 0836–2213838, ಇ–ಮೇಲ್ : eedharwad@gmail.com

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : ಎಚ್.ಡಿ.ಎಂ.ಪಿ./66/07/02/2025–26 ದಿನಾಂಕ : 05–12–2025

ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ

ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸನ್ 2025–26 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ವಿವಿಧ ಯೋಜನೆ ಅನುದಾನದಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮಂಜೂರಾದ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ / ಸೇವಾ ಪೂರಕವಾಗಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಆಧ್ಯಾದೇಶ 1999 – 2000 ರ ನಿಯಮದನ್ವಯ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಪಬ್ಲಿಕ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಟೆಂಡರ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಪಿ.ಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂ.ಡಿ. ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಾಯಿತರಾದ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಬಹುದು.

ಪಾಲಿಕೆ ಅನುದಾನ : 1) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ. 51833, 13.00 ಲಕ್ಷ, ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ, ಜಲ್ ಹಿ ಅಮೃತ್ : 2) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ. 48328, 100.00 ಲಕ್ಷ, ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ, 3) Leachate Treatment Plant : 1) Leachate Concentrator (Evaporated Unit), 2) Vapour Separation Reactor, 3) Feed Mixing Reactor, 4) Feed Correction Reactor, 5) Double Jacketed Interconnection Piping, 6) Excipient Storage Tank, 7) Excipient Dosing System, 8) Filters Press, 9) Final Collection / Storage Tank, 10) Leachate Feed Pump, 11) Inter-Stage Trnsfer Pump, 12) Process & Utility Piping Valves & Fittings, 13) Level Indicators / Gauges, 14) Temperature Gauges / Sensors, 15) Pressure Gauges, 16) Control Panel (MCC / Local), 17) Equipment Support & Platforms, 18) Anchoring & Foundation Bolts, 19) Power & Control Cabling, 20) Earthing & Lighting Protection, 21) Painting & Identification, 22) Testing, Commissioning & Trial Run.

ಒಟ್ಟು 03 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು ಮೊತ್ತ : ರೂ. 113 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಿಗೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ನಮೂದಿಸಿದಂತೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಬೇಕಾದಲ್ಲಿ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು, ಧಾರವಾಡ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ಕೆಲಸದ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : 0836–2213838 ರಿಂದ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು ಮತ್ತು ಅಂತರ್ ಜಾಲದ ಮೂಲಕ ವೆಬೆಸೈಟ್ ವಿಳಾಸ : http://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in ರಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು. ಒಂದು ವೇಳೆ ಸದರಿ ಟೆಂಡರನಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದೇ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಇದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಸದರಿ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತ್ರ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರಕಾರ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಅ.ನಂ. 1 ರಿಂದ 2 ರವರೆಗೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 06–12–2025 ರಿಂದ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಈ ಮೇಲಿನ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ (1 ರಿಂದ 2) : 1) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 15–12–2025 ರ ಸಂಜೆ 4.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ, 2) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 16–12–2025 ರ ಸಂಜೆ 4.30 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ.

ಅ.ನಂ 3 ರ ಪೂರಕ ಉಪಕರಣಗಳನ್ನು ಅಳವಡಿಸಲು ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆಯ ತುಲನಾತ್ಮಕ ದರಗಳನ್ನು ಇಚ್ಛೆಯುಳ್ಳ ಅಧಿಕೃತ ನೋಂದಾಯಿತ ತಯಾರಕರು ವ ಪೂರೈಕೆದಾರರು ತಮ್ಮ ದರಗಳನ್ನು ಸೀಲಬಂದ ಕೊಟೇಶನ್ ಮೂಲಕ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 15–12–2025 ರ ಸಂಜೆ 4.30 ಗಂಟೆಯ ಒಳಗಾಗಿ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು, (ಧಾರವಾಡ) ಹು.ಧಾ.ಮ.ಪಾ ರವರ ಕಚೇರಿಗೆ ಖುದ್ದಾಗಿ ಅಥವಾ ಮಿಚಂಚೆ ವಿಳಾಸದ (eedharwad@gmail.com) ಮೂಲಕ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವಂತೆ ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ಕೋರಿದೆ. ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ನಿರ್ದಿಷ್ಟತೆಗಳ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ಹು.ಧಾ.ಮ. ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯ ಅಂತರ್ಜಾಲ ವಿಳಾಸ http://www.hdmc.mrc.gov.in/en/tenders http://hdmc.mrc.gov.in/kn/tenders ದಲ್ಲಿ ದ

Man from Vijayapura jumps on metro track on Purple Line, dies

Following the incident, BMRCL suspends services between Mysuru Road and Challaghatta for some time

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Services on the Purple Line of the Namma Metro in Bengaluru were disrupted between Mysuru Road and Challaghatta in the morning after a man allegedly jumped on the track at Kengeri station and lost his life on December 5.

The deceased has been identified as Shantagouda Police Patil, 39, a resident of Devara Hipparagi in Vijayapura. The incident occurred around 8.20 a.m. The body was shifted to a nearby private hospital for post-mortem.

Metro train services were halted for nearly an hour, leaving hundreds of commuters stranded at multiple stations along the Purple Line. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) suspended services between Mysuru Road and Challaghatta, and operated services only up to Mysuru Road Metro Station.

The services between Jnana Bharati and Challaghatta were restored at 9.40 a.m. Officials found some identity documents on the man, which revealed the name of the deceased.

Porbe under way

A police officer from the Southwest division said further details about the deceased were being collected. The reason behind the incident was yet to be established. The family of the deceased has been informed, and further investigation was under way.

"The deceased was living in an apartment complex at Doddabale near Kengeri with his wife. He was a BTech graduate but had not worked for a year, after quitting his previous job. Investigation revealed that he had joined a factory near Bidadi recently," the officer said. A preliminary probe suggested that Patil had been troubled by financial issues and had been feeling low for a few months.

This was the explanation given by his wife, according to the police.

The officer added that a police team was deployed at the station to clear the track. The body was retrieved a few minutes after the incident. Train services were halted for nearly an hour, leaving hundreds of commuters stranded at multiple stations along the Purple Line.

As the disruption occurred during peak hours, many passengers were forced to seek alternative transport to reach their offices, schools and colleges, especially at stations where trains were not operating.

Similar incidents have occurred across the metro network in recent years. The most recent case was on October 4, when a 40-year-old clerk working at Vidhana Soudha allegedly attempted to take his life by jumping on the tracks at the Nadaprabhu Kempegowda (Majestic) Metro Station. He was rescued in time.

(Those in distress or having suicidal tendencies can seek help from Arogya Sahayavani Ph:104.)

Calls grow for installing Platform Screen Doors in metro stations

Darshan Devaiah B.P.
BENGALURU

So far, only Majestic, the newly operational Yellow Line, and the R.V. Road interchange have metal railings. SUDHAKARA JAIN

Following yet another fatal incident on the metro tracks, commuters in Bengaluru are renewing demands for the installation of Platform Screen Doors (PSDs) across all Namma Metro stations, a safety feature they believe has now become indispensable. However, officials from the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Ltd. (BMRCL) maintain that the technology remains difficult to incorporate into the existing network due to high costs and complex engineering constraints.

The latest case occurred on Friday, when a man allegedly jumped onto the tracks at Kengeri station, leading to a major service disruption and the loss of his life. This incident has sparked ongoing concerns around passenger safety and prompted fresh appeals for physical barriers along platforms.

Unavoidable

Regular metro users said the city's rapidly growing ridership, which averages 10 lakh daily, makes such safety measures unavoidable. Ramprasad K., a metro user from Rajajinagar, said crowded platforms have become increasingly difficult to manage. "During rush hour, even standing in line feels unsafe. The Bengaluru Metro must make Platform Screen Doors a standard feature on all future routes before opening them to the public," he said.

Another commuter, Nayana Rao from J.P. Nagar, stressed that platform protection serves a purpose far beyond enhancing station design. "These barriers are essential not only to deter suicide attempts but also to protect passengers from overcrowding-related hazards. The BMRCL should roll them out across the network to avoid avoidable incidents and service delays," Ms. Rao said.

Metal railings

In February 2024, the BMRCL installed metal railings along parts of the interchange platforms to limit track access. The corporation has since been studying the effectiveness of these installations, especially at high-traffic stations. So far, only Majestic, the newly operational Yellow Line, and the R.V. Road Interchange have received similar railings.

Officials said the corporation has begun integrating PSDs into its upcoming expansion projects. Contracts have already been awarded for their installation on the Pink Line, the Phase 2A Blue Line (Central Silk Board-K.R. Pura), and the Phase 2B airport extension.

As per the tender specifications, 13 underground stations will receive full-height PSDs, while 37 elevated or ground-level stations will be equipped with half-height platform screen gates. However, questions linger over why the older Purple and Green lines Phase 1 of the network were never considered for PSDs.

The BMRCL sources told *The Hindu* that the early phases of the metro were built with limited budgets and focused primarily on core infrastructure, leaving no room for expensive safety technologies like PSDs. "Retrofitting them now, especially in stations as large and complex as Majestic, would require shutting down parts of the network for long durations, severely affecting operations," official added.

According to officials, the initial focus was on improving frequency by running trains every three minutes and deploying additional staff for crowd control. The PSDs have only recently become a priority, especially for Phase 2's underground sections.

The PSDs operate in sync with train doors and act as a physical barrier to the tracks.

"Globally, the PSDs are viewed as an essential safety tool. They separate crowds from the tracks, aid the signalling system, and support smoother train movement. So far in India, only the metros in Delhi and Chennai have adopted them," another official explained.

'Blue Line will be opened in stages depending on progress of work'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar during an inspection of the Airport Metro Blue Line corridor in Bengaluru on Friday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar on Friday said once five or six stations of the Namma Metro Blue Line are completed, they will be opened for public use.

After inspecting the ongoing construction on the Airport Metro (Blue Line) corridor, Mr. Shivakumar said that he has conducted progress reviews across all departments under his portfolio, including the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL), ahead of the Karnataka's legislature session in Belagavi scheduled from December 8 to 19.

Mr. Shivakumar said the 58-km ORR-Airport Metro, a ₹15,000 crore project connecting Central Silk Board to Kempegowda International Airport, will be commissioned in stages if needed. "If the contractor does not complete the work on time, we will not award them any further contracts," he warned.

Mr. Shivakumar said that the deadlines have been set for each section of the Blue Line: the Central Silk Board-K.R. Puram stretch (Phase 2A) is targeted for completion by December 2026, while the K.R. Puram-Hebbal portion must be ready by December 2027. The Hebbal-Kempegowda International Airport section (Phase 2B) carries a deadline of June 2026. According to the BMRCL, once fully operational, it will provide a seamless 58.19-km transit link from the IT hubs around Silk Board in the south to the airport in the north, via K.R. Puram.

The 19.75-km Phase 2A section and the 38.44-km Phase 2B airport link together will form the longest uninterrupted metro corridor in the city.

Drugs worth ₹160 cr. seized so far this year

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Bengaluru city police have so far booked 1,078 cases under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, so far in 2025 and arrested 1,543 individuals, including 52 foreigners, resulting in the seizure of 1,446.75 kg of drugs.

The value of the confiscated drugs, both synthetic and organic, is estimated to be ₹160 crore, a record in recent times.

A major chunk of the crackdown was led by the Central Crime Branch (CCB), which dismantled multiple drug networks, according to a statement by the police. The CCB seized 157 kg of contraband worth ₹120.14 crore, registering 61 high-impact cases. In a targeted operation against foreign nationals involved in drug offences, the police identified 302 individuals overstaying their visas and found them engaged in peddling and other illegal activities. With support from the Foreigners Regional Registration Office (FRRO), all 302 individuals were deported after verification of their passport records.

Coordinated efforts

The police stated that they adopted coordinated and intelligence-driven approaches to carry out operations. Officers monitored repeat offenders, particularly those released from jail, on a daily basis. The officers also identified foreigners overstaying their visas and deported them.

Additionally, the police strengthened their intelligence networks by improving coordination with the Narcotics Control Bureau, FRRO, Prison Department, and others.

Driver hacked to death by gang

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 25-year-old driver was hacked to death by an unknown gang on Thursday near D. Cross in Doddaballapur on the northwestern outskirts of Bengaluru. The deceased has been identified as Deepak, a resident of Doddaballapur Town, who worked as a driver for multiple agencies on a daily-wage basis.

His body was shifted to a nearby hospital for post-mortem.

The incident unfolded around 10.20 p.m. A police officer told *The Hindu* they have gathered CCTV footage and have leads on the assailants.

The police suspect that the murder may have occurred due to an issue at his previous gig, as Deepak did not have any criminal history or involvement in any unlawful activities. The Doddaballapur police registered a case.

State, U.P., and T.N. lead in GI registration

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

With more than 600 products in India having received Geographical Indication (GI) recognition despite the country's vast untapped potential, the Government of India is strongly promoting the rich GI heritage and has set an ambitious target of achieving 10,000 GI registrations by 2030.

K. Ganesh Moorthy, executive director and CEO of the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development-Madurai Agri Business Incubation Forum, told reporters in Mysuru on Friday, after the inauguration of GI Mahotsav 3.0, an initiative of the Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises to promote India's heritage through GI products, that nearly 2,500 products are currently awaiting GI recognition in the country.

Uttar Pradesh leads with 74 GI-tagged products, followed by Tamil Nadu with 69 and Karnataka with 46.

Mobile sanitation vehicle for police personnel launched in Bengaluru

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The new 'Hygiene On Go', a mobile sanitation vehicle for the city police. K. MURALI KUMAR

In a bid to improve the working conditions of the Bengaluru Traffic Police (BTP) personnel, the Home Department on Friday launched 'Hygiene on Go', a first-of-its-kind mobile sanitation vehicle exclusively for the Bengaluru City Police.

Home Minister G. Parameshwara flagged off the vehicles along with senior IPS officers. The initiative aims to provide accessible, safe, and hygienic sanitation facilities for traffic police personnel stationed across the city's busiest corridors.

The Home Department has procured and modified three vehicles under the initiative at a cost of ₹2.06 crore, which will operate for 27 months until March 2028. The vehicles will run from 8.30 a.m. to 7 p.m. along three major traffic-heavy routes- Thanisandra, Adugodi, and Mysuru Road, covering 91 designated halting points to ensure timely and reliable access for personnel on duty.

The vehicles will feature separate washrooms for male and female police officers and will have exterior CCTV coverage and GPS tracking

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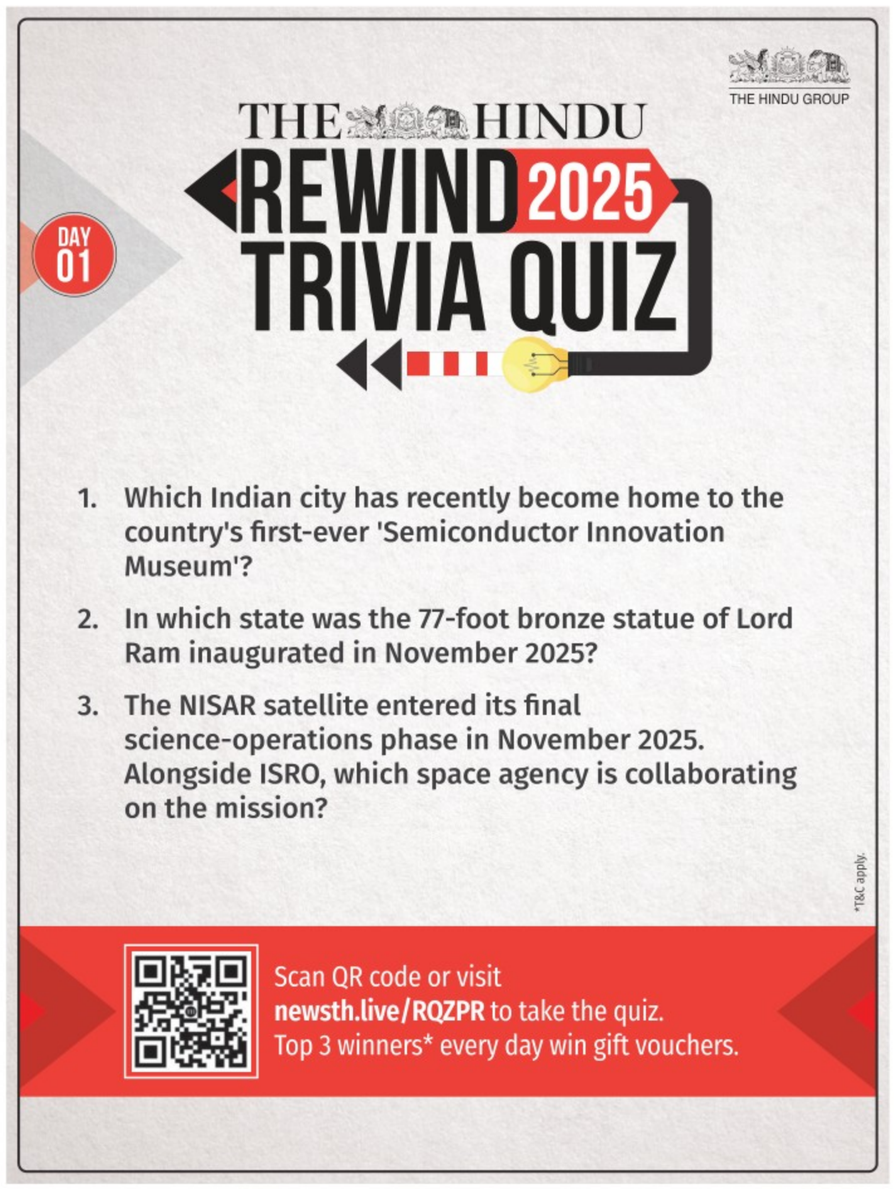
Police said that limited access to safe and adequate sanitation facilities during duty hours results in health issues, dehydration, urinary infections, and discomfort, which the initiative addresses. A senior male officer said that the mobile sanitation arrangement is very beneficial, especially for women, because washrooms are much more easily accessible for men than for women. A woman traffic police inspector welcomed the move and noted that the vehicles would be helpful during peak hours when washrooms were very far from the locations where the police officers were deployed.

"We have a new system of e-attendance in which we have to clock in when we start duty at our deputed location. When we move beyond 100 metres from the deputed location, the system records the movement, and higher officers often scold us when we are gone for a few minutes. So, whenever the toilets are far, field personnel, especially women, face issues and also get scolded. These mobile sanitation vehicles will be very useful during such times," she said.

Another traffic policewoman noted that the presence of sanitary pad disposal and other facilities would help women personnel greatly during menstruation period.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1. Which Indian city has recently become home to the country's first-ever 'Semiconductor Innovation Museum'?
2. In which state was the 77-foot bronze statue of Lord Ram inaugurated in November 2025?
3. The NISAR satellite entered its final science-operations phase in November 2025. Alongside ISRO, which space agency is collaborating on the mission?
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Freshman's excitement to Sophomore slump — the travails of Arne Slot

In his first season as Liverpool manager in 2024-25, the Dutchman won the Premier League at a canter. But this campaign has been tough. The form of Mohammed Salah has dipped; Diogo Jota's unfortunate death is seemingly having an effect and new signings are yet to invigorate the setting. Where do Liverpool and Slot go from here?

GETTY IMAGES

Vivek Krishnan

For the best part of a decade, Liverpool's right flank has been inhabited by Mo Salah. In that time, the curly-haired Egyptian, with a wand of a left foot, has been the attacking heartbeat and the conductor of the orchestra that the Anfield faithful have merrily swooned to.

Dribbling past a maze of defenders, fashioning fleet-footed runs into the 18-yard box, unleashing unstoppable thunderbolts into the back of the net... he has done it all over 400-plus appearances for the club. It has elevated the 33-year-old to the very top of the pantheon of legends to have played for the Merseyside giant.

The numbers reflect his greatness. In 301 Premier League appearances for the club, he has racked up 188 goals and 89 assists. Having also scored two for Chelsea in his first stint in England, his overall tally of 190 goals is the most by a foreigner in Premier League history, six more than Sergio Aguero.

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These individual feats have translated into two league titles and one Champions League crown in his nine seasons, rekindling Liverpool's glory days after a long barren stretch.

Brewing trouble

Therefore, when Liverpool's right flank was conspicuous by his absence in the 2-0 win against West Ham United on Sunday – Salah was stationed on the bench throughout – it was enough to set tongues wagging. Is it the beginning of the end for the two-time African Footballer of the Year?

Since the onset of the 2024-25 season, when Arne Slot took over the managerial reins from Jurgen Klopp, it was the first time that Salah had been dropped from the starting XI for a Premier League fixture. The winger didn't start Wednesday's game against Sunderland either, though he did play a part as a second-half substitute in the 1-1 draw.

At a time when Liverpool had slumped to nine defeats in 12 games across all competitions, Slot's move was telling. The Dutchman may have downplayed the significance afterwards by stating that Salah still had a future at the club, but by dropping his best player, he appeared to be implying that he was willing to look beyond reputations and take desperate measures for desperate times.

And these are desperate times. Having lost six and drawn one of its 14 Premier League matches, Liverpool is ninth, sandwiched in the mid-table cluster and in danger of making a complete hash of its title defence. In the Champions League, it was pummelled 4-1 by PSV Eindhoven at Anfield just last week.

Salah's dwindling output has merited concern for some time. In the Premier League, he was averaging 135 minutes per goal in his previous eight seasons. That has more than doubled to 280 minutes in this campaign. It has prompted former Liverpool defender and prominent television pundit Jamie Carragher to proclaim that "Salah's legs have gone".

More than one hole

In fairness, Salah is only a part of the problem. On the back of a summer transfer window where Liverpool splurged a record £446 million, including £125m on Alexander Isak from Newcastle United and £100m on Florian Wirtz from Bayer Leverkusen, the inability of the new signings to swiftly hit the ground running has been glaring.

In Isak's case, the protracted transfer saga, owing to Newcastle's steadfast desire to drag negotiations till deadline day, resulted in him missing a major chunk of pre-season.

It has contributed to a sluggish start at his new club, with the forward failing to score in his first five Premier League appearances. Though Isak finally broke his duck at the weekend with a sweet strike into the bottom left-corner, it was followed by another muted display against Sunderland.

For Wirtz, 22, the adjustment from the Bundesliga's possession-based style to the frenetic rhythm of the Premier League is taking time. There were encouraging signs in the win against West Ham, as indeed in the stalemate versus Sunderland where it was his attempt that led to an own goal for the equaliser. But the enormity of the transfer fee will weigh on the young German if goals and assists don't arrive soon.

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>
> **ARNE SLOT**
> Liverpool manager

Dodgy defence

Amid the influx of fresh faces, it is ironically the one signing the club missed sealing – Crystal Palace's Marc Guehi – that may have the biggest impact on Liverpool's season. The interest in the English centre-back till the end of the transfer window suggests that the 20-time English champion was acutely aware of the importance of bolstering the defence.

Having failed to close out the deal, Virgil van Dijk, who has carried this team on his shoulders along with Salah for the past few years, has had it all to do at the back. And after the 1-4 loss to PSV, where his hand ball to concede a penalty for the Dutch side's opener precipitated the downfall, he was condemned to face the wrath of the fans.

As startling as the 34-year-old's dip in form is, he hasn't been aided one bit by the lack of support from the rest of the backline. Much of the blame ought to go to 26-year-old Ibrahima Konate, whose shabby defending has been responsible for a fair chunk of the 21 goals conceded in the Premier League.

With Trent Alexander-Arnold fulfilling his dream move to Real Madrid during the summer and Andy Robertson no longer being a regular starter, the full-back positions have also been hampered by instability. The absence of Alexander-Arnold's penetrative through balls from right-back has also diminished Liverpool's attacking threat.

If the season continues to unravel, the jury will be out on Slot's capabilities as well. The 47-year-old may have exceeded all expectations by winning the title in his first season, but was he just reaping the benefits of overseeing a team that had Klopp's imprint? The ability to press opponents relentlessly, which was inculcated by the German manager, hasn't been replicated with the same intensity this season.

A grieving team

While the on-field troubles are in plain sight, harder to detect is the lingering impact of Diogo Jota's death on his teammates. Robertson, for example, said after Scotland qualified for the 2026 FIFA World Cup, in November, that he had been "in bits" thinking about the late Portuguese forward, given the pair's common dream of featuring in the marquee spectacle.

In reaction to the left-back's outpouring of grief, Slot acknowledged the challenge of overcoming Jota's loss, but maintained that he wouldn't use it as an excuse for his team's form.

"It is good for us to remember him at all times. It is possible because of the person and player he was. It is impossible to measure what it does to the players and to our results. The last thing I would do is use it as an excuse," he said.

It puts into perspective the range of issues at Liverpool's doorstep right now.

Will Slot find a way out of the mess? Or will he be left to walk alone? The next few weeks will lay bare the reality.

GAME THEORY

Into the moon

In the first ODI against South Africa in Ranchi on November 30, Rohit Sharma bettered Shahid Afridi's 15-year record for most sixes (351). A look at the best six hitters in the business

ROHIT SHARMA

SHAHID AFRIDI

CHRIS GAYLE

	Span	M	Inns	SR	Fours	Sixes
Rohit Sharma	2007-2025	278	270	92.79	1074	352
Shahid Afridi	1996-2015	398	369	117.00	730	351
Chris Gayle	1999-2019	301	294	87.19	1128	331
Sanath Jayasuriya	1989-2011	445	433	91.20	1500	270
M.S. Dhoni	2004-2019	350	297	87.56	826	229
Eoin Morgan	2006-2022	248	230	91.16	654	220
AB de Villiers	2005-2018	228	218	101.09	840	204
Brendon McCullum	2002-2016	260	228	96.37	577	200
Sachin Tendulkar	1989-2012	463	452	86.23	2016	195
Sourav Ganguly	1992-2007	311	300	73.70	1122	190

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Up in smoke

Last Sunday, a Dutch Eredivisie match between AFC Ajax and Groningen at the Johan Cruyff Arena was abandoned after just five minutes when the south stand erupted with repeated display of fireworks.

A humongous ball of light and smoke engulfed the whole area after 'F-side', an Ajax ultra group, was reported to have caused it to honour the wish of an Ajax supporter who had passed away in November. The group even put up a story on Instagram with the caption "RIP Tum 5th".

Ultras are fanatical supporters, known for enlivening the stadium's atmosphere with their voice and passion but also guilty of bringing the game into disrepute like in this case. Ajax officials expressed helplessness that the incident had occurred despite checks and the use of sniffer dogs.

The remaining 85 minutes were played on Tuesday in an empty stadium, and for the upcoming home game against Feyenoord, Ajax has decided to keep the section occupied by its ultras closed.

Ajax, in fact, is no stranger to such happenings. In September 2023, a home tie against rivals Feyenoord was called off in the 56th minute, and the game resumed three days later, without spectators.

Golden jubilee celebrated

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St. John's Medical College Hospital marked its golden jubilee at the St. John's National Academy of Health Sciences Auditorium, on Friday.

Chief guest Minister for Transport Ramalinga Reddy and Minister for Health and Family Welfare Dinesh Gundu Rao took part in the event as chief guest and guest of honour respectively. Director Rev. Fr. Jesudoss Rajamanickam reflected on the institution's five-decade journey of healing. Senior doctors with over 50 years of service- George Dsouza, A. Mohan, Chandramouli K.S., Vijay Joseph, and Ravindran G.D.- were felicitated.

KUSMA founder's centenary

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The Karnataka State Unaided School Management's Association (KUSMA) will commemorate the birth centenary of its founder, G.S. Sharma, along with a fellowship meeting at Jayanagar on December 7 at 10.30 a.m. P.S. Dinesh Kumar, former Chief Justice of the Karnataka High Court, will be the chief guest, while Dhananjay K.V., senior advocate at the Supreme Court of India and legal adviser to KUSMA, will be the guest of honour.

OBITUARY

T.V. Sudhakara Sharma

With deep grief, we announce the passing of T.V. Sudhakara Sharma, aged 64, who left for his heavenly abode on **27th November 2025.**

He was a man of simplicity, strong values, and integrity. Loved and respected by all, he touched many lives through his kindness, humility, and dedication. His guidance, blessings, and warm presence will always remain with us.

He is dearly remembered by his son **Pranav Sharma S,** family members, and well-wishers who mourn his loss. His departure has left a void that can never be filled. The last rites were performed on **28/11/2025 at Kalpalli Crematorium**

May his soul rest in eternal peace.**Om Shanti.**

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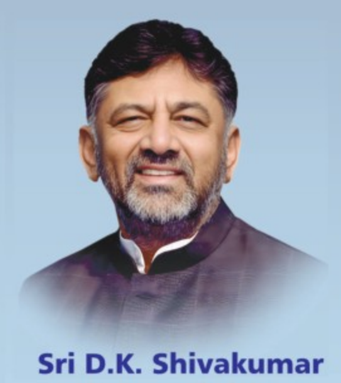

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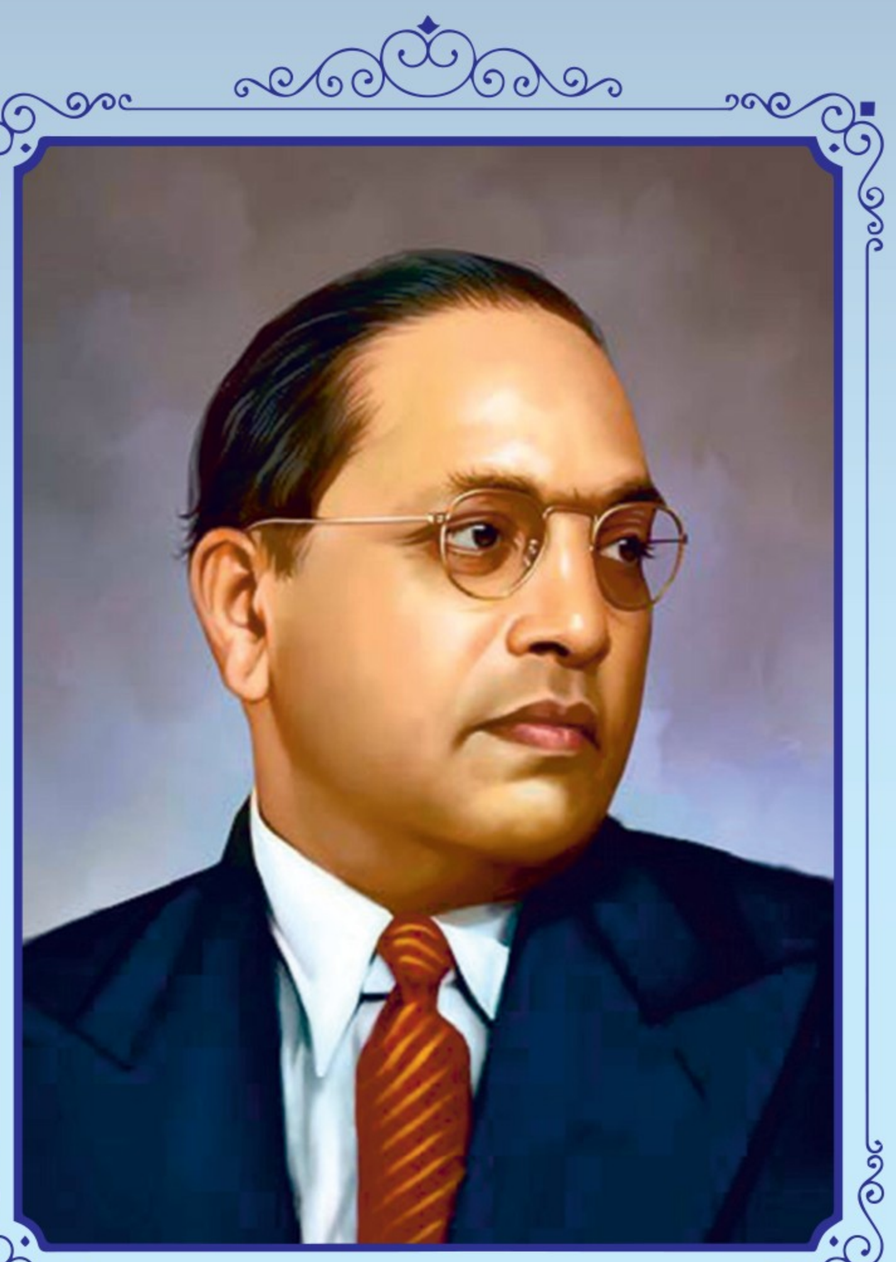

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Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, Hon'ble Minister for Social Welfare discussing the programmes of Department with Officers

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292 IndiGo flights cancelled at KIA as disruptions continue for fourth day in a row

Airfares have also skyrocketed on key routes over the last few days and are expected to remain so for the next few days

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

At least 292 IndiGo flights were cancelled at the Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) early on Friday, as disruptions continued for the fourth consecutive day.

About 125 arrivals and 167 departures were called off due to operational reasons, airport officials said on Friday.

Earlier in the day, the Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL), which operates the Kempegowda International Airport (KIA), issued an advisory for passengers travelling by IndiGo, stating that all flights of the airline stood cancelled until 11.59 p.m. on December 5.

Stranded passengers searching for their luggage near a counter after IndiGo cancelled over 200 flights, at the Kempegowda International Airport in Bengaluru on Friday. PTI

Advisory to travellers

"Passengers are requested to note that IndiGo flights from KIA to Mumbai and Delhi stand cancelled until 11.59 p.m. on December 5. For IndiGo flights operating to other destinations, we recommend that passengers verify the latest flight status directly with the airline before leaving for the airport," the advisory stated. The advisory also added that the BIAL's on ground teams were actively coordinating with IndiGo and all operational partners to minimise inconvenience and support passengers through the disruption.

Travellers agitated

The agitated IndigGo passengers stranded inside the airport's terminals protested by shouting slogans against the airline. A video was doing rounds showing a group of passengers walking across the Terminal shouting 'IndiGo down down'.

With over 200 flights cancelled, seats on other airlines were fully booked on Friday.

Airfares have also skyrocketed on key routes over the last few days and are expected to remain so for the next few days. The only available economy seat on an airline website for a non-stop Bengaluru-New Delhi flight scheduled for December 6 was priced at ₹23,742.

A handful of premium economy and business seats available on this route were priced at ₹33,838 and ₹43,302 respectively for December 6. An economy seat between Bengaluru-New Delhi with a stop over at Chennai was priced at ₹83,721.

On another airlines website, the fares for a Bengaluru-Mumbai flight scheduled for December 8 ranged between ₹25,000 to ₹28,500.

BLF affected

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BENGALURU

The ongoing airline crisis has affected Bangalore Literature Festival (BLF) - 2025, scheduled to begin on Saturday.

"We have nearly 250 authors participating in the festival. Nearly 5% of the authors have had to cancel due to the ongoing airline crisis. Others are making to the festival as per schedule," said V. Ravichandar, one of the organisers of the festival.

For many authors, there are no alternative flights available. For some, there are no return flights available according to their convenience. Some, who are travelling from neighbouring States, are driving down, sources said.

Flight cancellation forces newlyweds to join wedding reception virtually

The Hindu Bureau
HUBBALLI

The mass cancellation of Indigo Flights led to a marriage reception being held virtually through a video call in Hubballi on December 3, 2025, as the newlywed couple who were to fly from Bhubaneswar to Hubballi could not make it to the venue before the scheduled time and day.

The marriage of Medha Ksheersagar of Hubballi and Sangam Das of Bhubaneshwar, both software professionals based in Bengaluru, had taken place in Bhubaneswar on November 23 and their marriage reception was scheduled to take place on December 3 at Gujarat Bhavan in Hubballi. The bride and groom had planned to fly from Bhubaneswar to Hubballi via Bengaluru.

The online reception of Medha Ksheersagar of Hubballi and Sangam Das of Bhubaneshwar. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Alternative flights

However, they found that their IndiGo Flight on December 2 from Bhubaneswar was first delayed, and subsequently cancelled. Their search for alternative flights from other airports turned futile as they too were cancelled. Being over 1,400 kilometres away from Hubballi, the couple could not find other modes of transport to reach the reception venue on time. Apart from them, several other family members and

The bride and groom had planned to fly from Bhubaneswar to Hubballi via Bengaluru, however their IndiGo flight was cancelled

relatives also could not make it to the reception. As a last resort, the bride's parents made arrangements for a virtual marriage reception. The newly-weds joined their family in Hubballi through video conference. Around 650 members savoured the reception feast after blessing the couple virtually.

Speaking to press persons, father of the bride Anilkumar Ksheersagar, who runs a pharmacy store in Hubballi, said that they were disappointed on learning about the flight cancellation and as efforts to board flights from other airports failed, they were forced to hold it online. The road journey from Bhubaneswar to Hubballi would have taken 21 hours to 28 hours, depending on the route and stops

"As an alternative measure, they had planned to board a flight from Visakhapatnam, but that flight too was cancelled and on the day of the reception at 4 a.m., we took a decision to hold it virtually. We had arranged various delicacies for 700 guests and so we did not reveal the news until 1 p.m.. Subsequently, we announced that they could not make it because of the flight cancellation. We apologised to the guests and requested them to bless the couple through virtual mode," Mr. Anilkumar recalled.

Although a bit disappointed, the guests were happy that they could see the couple on the screen and bless them, he said.

NLSIU student among six selected for Rhodes Scholars-Elect from India

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Manhar Bansal, a final-year student of the five-year BA LLB (Hons.) programme at the National Law School of India University (NLSIU), Bengaluru, has been selected as one of the six Rhodes Scholars-Elect from India for 2026.

With this, Mr. Bansal becomes the 26th scholar from the NLSIU to receive the prestigious scholarship. He will join a cohort of over 100 scholars from across the world at the University of Oxford in October 2026, where he plans to pursue Master of Studies in Comparative Literature and Critical Translation. The Rhodes Scholarship, established in 1903, is the world's oldest and among the most prestigious graduate fellowships. Hailing from Muktsar in Punjab, Mr. Bansal has pursued an interdisciplinary academic track at the NLSIU, with a focus on philosophy and literature. His work examines the possibilities of a human self that is influenced by but not reducible to its socio-historical contexts. At the NLSIU, he served as chief editor of a student journal, headed a student-run academic support programme and co-convened a theory reading group.

7-year-old girl dies of 'severe dengue shock syndrome'

Rishita Khanna
BENGALURU

In a tragic case, a seven-year-old girl from West Bengal died in Bengaluru on December 3 after falling critically ill with "severe dengue shock syndrome", a life-threatening complication of dengue, after her family struggled to access timely medical care.

The child's parents, migrant workers from Nadia district, moved to Bengaluru two months ago and were living in a shanty in Varthur.

According to the Vydehi Institute of Medical Sciences and Research Centre's death summary report, Jannatun Khatun was admitted to the paediatric ICU in a critical condition after five days of fever. The hospital report noted that she was conscious but extremely irritable, with very weak peripheral pulses and low blood pressure, indicating severe dengue shock with multi-organ dysfunction. Blood tests confirmed low platelet counts and clinical assessments suggested poor cardiac contractility, leading to the use of intravenous fluids and inotropic support.

Jannatun Khatun

The child's parents, migrant workers, moved to the city two months ago and were living in a shanty at Varthur

The report further stated that due to her unstable condition, collecting samples and initiating treatment was extremely challenging. Despite intensive care, including central line insertion and dual inotropic support, the child's condition did not improve, and she could not be revived. When the girl's condition worsened, the family first approached a private hospital, where they were given an estimated treatment cost of ₹45,000, far beyond their means.

They then attempted to seek care at government hospitals, but were reportedly told that no beds were available. By the time she was eventually admitted to a private facility, she had progressed to dengue shock, with doctors noting that she was extremely irritable, making it difficult to collect samples and initiate treatment.

Greater Bengaluru Authority Special Commissioner (Health and Education) Suralkar Vikas Kishor said that disease confirmation requires an audit, which can take time. When asked whether the hospital had notified the case, he said he would check. "If it has not been notified, I will ask the hospital to notify it," he added.

After her death, the family struggled to arrange transport to take her body back to West Bengal, where the rest of their relatives live. They eventually collected funds, nearly ₹60,000 from other members of the migrant community, to manage the transport. Members of the migrant community approached R. Kaleem Ullah, national president of the All-India Shramik Swaraj Kendra, for help with ambulances and logistical support, saying they had been unable to access these services on their own. Mr. Ullah said the incident highlights the larger challenges faced by migrant families in Bengaluru. "Many live in temporary shelters and cannot access quick medical care during emergencies due to overcrowding in government hospitals and high costs in private facilities," he said, requesting the government to consider solutions such as a health card that could cover essential medical treatment and provide partial ration support to ensure that families in vulnerable situations can access care promptly and avoid preventable tragedies.

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RISE	20:30	SET 08:52
MONDAY, DEC. 08		
RISE	06:30	SET 17:53
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Bengaluru Today
25°C The weather will be pleasant. Night will be slight cool and hazy. Chances of light rain and thundershower.

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Civic body reconfigures entry and exit points along Byatarayanapura-GKVK corridor to ease traffic

Rishita Khanna
BENGALURU

Commuters travelling from Airport Road via Byatarayanapura and Mall of Asia towards the city and vice versa, who until recently had to make a detour of over three kilometres to take a U-turn, can now complete the same movement in about 1.5 kilometres.

The Bengaluru North City Corporation, working with the traffic police, has reconfigured entry-exit points along the Byatarayanapura-GKVK corridor, a long-troubled stretch where traffic from the service road, main carriageway and Mall of Asia frontage previously converged into a single choke-point.

For years, the Byatarayanapura junction had remained one of the most gridlocked spots on the Hebbal-Yelahanka route. Vehicles from Kodigehalli and Sahakar Nagar, merged from the service road, while traffic from L&T side frequently cut across the one-way to avoid the long U-turn ahead. With no crossover allowed at the Jakkur signal, commuters heading towards the city or Amruthahalli were forced to travel up to Allalasandra before turning around, a detour that created daily violations.

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'The proximity of the new U-turn has directly curbed wrong-way driving, which had become routine'

The civic body has now altered the movement pattern by creating an exit after the mall and a new entrance near GKVK. This allows motorists, particularly those from L&T apartments, to turn back far earlier than before.

"The proximity of the new U-turn has directly curbed wrong-way driving, which had become routine because the earlier turn was several kilometres away," North Corporation Commissioner, Pommala Sunil Kumar, told *The Hindu*.

Officials from the corporation said that while the rearrangement has been introduced on a temporary trial basis, the corporation plans to propose making it permanent in consultation with the NHAI, which manages a portion of the stretch, the BMRCL undertaking metro construction work in the area, and the traffic police.

As part of the reorganisation, the traffic signal on the service road near the Byatarayanapura junction has been switched off to allow continuous movement towards the airport. Those heading towards Amruthahalli or GKVK can still take the regular route and turn from the carriageway. Meanwhile, vehicles from the service road can no longer slip into the other lanes, one of the earlier sources of persistent congestion.

They now enter from the first opening, which directs them onto the main road towards the Mall of Asia without clashing with other streams, officials said.

CFTRI to develop foods for astronauts, athletes, and ageing population

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

After the successful launch of various millet-based products during the International Year of Millets, which also drew the attention of the Government of India, the Mysuru-based Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI) has now shifted its focus to developing advanced food technologies. These include foods for astronauts (space foods), endurance-enhancing foods for sportspersons (sports foods), and nutrition-rich foods for the elderly (geriatric foods).

"Our target is to develop these foods by 2030. Unlike the Defence Food Research Laboratory (DFRL) in Mysuru, which develops specialised technologies for the Indian armed forces, our work is focused on foods for space missions. We are developing foods for astronauts with a special emphasis on bone health, as bone-related issues have been identified as a concern.

Besides CFTRI, other CSIR laboratories have also joined this initiative. Our goal is to deliver these food technologies as advised by CSIR by 2030," said Giridhar Parvatham, CFTRI director.

Citing demographic projections, he noted that around 100 million people in the country will be aged 60 or above, or on the threshold of turning 60, by 2047. "In view of this, we have been tasked with developing foods best suited for the geriatric population," he said.

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Tender Notification
(E-Procurement mode only)

T.O. T.N. No. SEE/O&M/EEE(O)/AEE(O)/KPL/TF-25/2025-26/ TTK-01/4-12-2025
Indent No: GESCOM/2025-26/EL/WORK_INDENT272

(1) Name of the Work : Reconductoring of 33KV Line from Rabbit to Coyote conductor for 11Kms from existing 110KV Ilkal Sub-station to 33KV Bandargal Sub-station in C&M Sub-division GESCOM, Kushtagi coming under C&M Division GESCOM Koppal on Total Turnkey basis. **(2)** Amount Put to Tender : **Rs. 60,71,060/-(3)** Qualifying Requirement : Class-1 Electrical Contractor License or Super Grade **(4)** Pre-Bid Meeting Date : Not Required**(5)** Last date of queries : **20.12.2025 till 04.00 PM (6)** Last date for submission Of Bids : **24.12.2025 till 04.00 PM (7)** Technical Bid Opening Date : **29.12.2025 at 11.00 AM (8)** Financial Bid Opening Date : **30.12.2025 at 04.00 PM (9)** Contact Person details : Executive Engineer Ele (O), **O&M Circle, GESCOM, Koppal. Mob: 9483043703 (10)** Website : For more details logon to the web site:**http://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after Dated **09.12.2025 at 16.00 Hr.s**

Sd/-
Superintending Engineer (Ele)
O&M Circle, GESCOM
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Recruitment for various teaching and non-teaching posts in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) and Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS)

In reference to RECRUITMENT NOTIFICATION 01/2025 for Recruitment of various teaching & non-teaching posts in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) and Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS), the applicants are hereby informed that the qualifications for the post of Assistant Commissioner, Principal, PGT (Hindi, English, Commerce), TGT (Hindi, English, Maths, Science, Social Science, Physical Education/Physical & Health Education) and Junior Secretariat Assistant have now been made similar by KVS and NVS to enable the applicants to submit online application for these post(s) in both departments simultaneously. The applicants, who could submit online application for these posts either in KVS or NVS, will be given a chance on the online application portal to submit online application for KVS or NVS (as the case may be). The candidates may see Corrigendum – 2 on the websites of CBSE, KVS & NVS for details.

The last date for online application submission is also extended upto 11th December 2025 (11.59 PM). The candidates are advised to visit websites of CBSE, KVS & NVS for further updates.

cbc21107/12/0010/2526 **Director (CTET), CBSE**

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE NO. 41 UBL 2025-26
Dated : 28-11-2025

The undersigned on behalf of the President of India, invites E-tenders for the following works.

Sl.	Name of the Work	Approx. Value
1	Hubballi Division : Proposed Ballast depot at Bhairidevarakoppa (old Amargol Station).	Rs. 2,52,69,079/-
2	Hubballi Division : Hubballi - Alnavar Cess widening for a total length of 41.99 Rkm	Rs. 10,29,20,670/-
3	Hubballi Division : Hubballi - Alnavar TBR-40.192 Tkm main line, TBR of P & C for 9 sets in loop line.	Rs. 2,35,86,976/-

Last date for submission of bids:
Up to 11.00 Hours on 29-12-2025

For details log on : www.ireps.gov.in

Senior Divisional Engineer/Co-ordination Hubballi

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Public is hereby notified that my client **Mrs. Manasa Saraf & Mr. Deepak Raghotham** intends to purchase the property mentioned in the Schedule below from **Mr. Rahul Kalyanpur,** who has represented that he has inherited the Schedule property from his mother late Vrindamala Rao who had purchased the same from The Bank Officers & Officials House Building Co-operative Society vide Sale Deed dated 10/02/1995 registered as Document No.12600/94-95 of Book-I, Vol.1131, pages 94-96 registered on 18/03/1995 before the Sub-Registrar, Kengeri, Bangalore Urban District.

If any persons having claim, right, title and interest in the Schedule Property or any part thereof, may lodge their objections/ claims with documentary evidence within 05 (five) days from the date of this notice to the undersigned.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Site No.612 formed by The Bank Officers & Officials House Building Co-operative Society, BBMP Katha No.581/612, PID No. 2150747047 situated at Doddakallasandra & Raghuvanahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring: East to West: 40ft., and North to South: 60ft., and bounded on the East by: Site No.613, West by: Site No.611; North by: Site No.623 & South by: Road;

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 05-12-2025

Sd/-
CHANDAR K VITTAL, Advocate,
#130, 8th Main Road, AGS Layout,
Arehalli, Bengaluru-560061
Contact: 7259495959

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POSSESSION NOTICE [SECTION 13(4)]
[Rule - 8 (1)] (For immovable Property)

Whereas The undersigned being the authorized Officer of the Canara Bank, Cunningham Road Branch, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **22.09.2025** calling upon the Borrower To :**1) MR.RAVINDRA K M S/O VEERABHADRAIAH**
No.213, R.r Layout , Nagadevanahalli , Jnanabharathi Post, Kengeri , Bengaluru 560056.
2)VINAY KUMAR K R (Guarantor)
No 21 3, R R Layout , Nagadevana Halli , Bengaluru - 560056.
To repay the amount mentioned in the notice, being **Rs. 56, 34,621.00 (Rupees Fifty Six lakh Thirty Four Thousand Six Hundred and Twenty One only)** and interest thereon within **60** days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 & 9 of the Security Interest Enforcement) Rules 2002 on this **4th day of December 2025.**
The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Canara Bank, Cunningham Road Branch** for an amount of **Rs. 56,54,066.00 (Rupees Fifty Six lakh Fifty Four Thousand Sixty Six only)** and interest thereon.
The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable Property

Residential Property bearing Corporation No.21/3,BBMP Khatha No.1109/992/958/32/6/21/83/3 situated at Nagadevenahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk along with building comprising stilt, ground, first and second floor building and the site measuring East to west 40 feet and North to South 30 feet and bounded on the **East by :** Site No 21/4 , **West by :** Site No.21/2 , **North by :** Road And South by : Private property
Name of the title holder : Mr. Ravindra K M

Date : 05.12.2025 **Authorised Officer**
Place :Bangalore **Canara Bank**

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, KENDRAPARA-JAJPUR

AT-CHANDIKHOL, PO- SUNGUDA, JAJPUR -754296, Email-serw_kpd@yahoo.com

No:Tender Online RCK - 22/25 **e-Procurement NOTICE** Letter No.- 4034 Date:-29.11.25

1. Name of the Work : Tender for the Road works under (MMSY-DRR, MMSY-Impvt. to Existing RD roads) in the Dist. of Kendrapara & Jajpur.
2. Class of Contractor :
3. Time of Completion : As specified in the Column-7 of the Annexure.
4. Detail Projects : As per Annexure attached
5. Other Details :

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender on-line for bidding From	To	Last Date & Time of seeking tender clarification	Date & Time of opening of tender Technical Bid	Financial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Kendrapara-Jajpur	Tender Online RCK- 22/25	08.12.2025 at 11.00 A.M.	26.12.2025 to 05.00 P.M.	26.12.2025 up to 02.00 P.M.	29.12.2025 at 11.00 A.M.	Will be intimated later

Further details can be seen from the website **www.tendersodisha.gov.in**

Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Kendrapara-Jajpur

O-1666 : OIPR-25129/11/0067/2526

AXIS BANK — PUBLIC NOTICE FOR AUCTION

Public Notice for – E-Auction of pledged assets being Gold Ornaments

The Borrowers, in specific and the public in general are hereby notified that public auction of the gold ornaments pledge in the below accounts is proposed to be conducted by the Axis Bank at the below mentioned Branch.

The below mentioned Borrowers has availed the credit facility from the **Axis Bank Limited** against the pledge of gold ornaments ("Gold Loan Facility") in favour of the Bank towards the security. The Demand notices were issued to the Borrowers/Guarantors calling up the Borrowers/Guarantors to pay their outstanding amount towards the Gold loan facility availed. As the Borrowers/Guarantors have failed to repay the outstanding loan amount, the bank is constrained to invoke the pledge and proposed to conduct an e-auction sale of pledged gold ornaments more particularly described in schedule of property hereunder on **16.12.2025 at 12:30PM to 3:30PM on "As In Where Is", "As Is What Is", "Whatever There Is" and "No Recourse Basis".**

Details of Borrowers and outstanding amount

Branch Name	Loan A/C No.	Customer Name	Amount Outstanding	Date of Demand Notice	Gross Weight	Net Weight
Banashankari, Bangalore [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX2284	Umesha B C	209518.31	17-Oct-25	36.000	35.700
Banashankari, Bangalore [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX3761	Adith Maharaj	98825.71	27-Oct-25	15.500	15.400
Basaveshwar Nagar [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX7115	M Anand Kumar	1665789	27-Oct-25	271.400	267.100
Basaveshwar Nagar [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX5627	Raghavendra Krishna	1402356.35	27-Jul-25	224.600	220.000
Basaveshwar Nagar [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX1691	Prajwal M	509472.47	16-May-25	106.600	99.100
Bhattarahalli Bangalore [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX5936	E Manjunatha	329857.73	06-Nov-25	50.800	49.600
Bommasandra [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX7364	Harender Choudhary	1864083.67	16-Jun-25	323.300	319.600
Bommasandra [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX4166	Vemana Venkata Ramanaiah	79091.61	27-Oct-25	15.000	15.000
Bommasandra [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX8993	Vemana Venkata Ramanaiah	26414	06-Nov-25	5.000	4.800
BTM Layout [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX7796	Syed Rizwan	658354	27-Oct-25	115.800	100.300
Channapatna [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX6627	Arsalan Khan	401359.5	16-Nov-25	58.300	56.100
Channapatna [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX7667	Syed Muzammil	371810.11	16-Jun-25	69.300	67.600
Channapatna [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX2583	Mohammed Avais R	344161	16-Nov-25	55.400	54.300
Chintamani [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX1511	Mohamed Azam S L	728081.32	16-Nov-25	109.200	107.000
Chintamani [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX7443	Raghavendra	104300	06-Nov-25	19.300	17.800
Chintamani [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX7403	Mohamed Azam S L	67875.39	06-Nov-25	12.900	12.100
Dod Ballapur [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX3452	Hanumantahraju T	618006	06-Nov-25	104.800	100.800
Dod Ballapur [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX8285	Syed Kalbe Abbas	158592.95	27-Oct-25	32.500	32.300
Dod Ballapur [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX0546	M Umesh	53649.11	17-Oct-25	12.700	12.100
Electronic City [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX6963	Shivanandayya	47638.71	06-Nov-25	10.000	9.900
Garvebhavipalya [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX1481	Nagireddy Supraja	150629	06-Nov-25	26.900	23.400
Hoskote [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX5531	Vajramuni	4044232.1	27-Oct-25	742.800	636.300
Hoskote [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX6464	Mangala Raghavendra Savoor	358034.6	27-Oct-25	54.100	53.600
Hoskote [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX9577	Manikanta P	351166.87	27-Oct-25	56.400	52.400
Hoskote [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX2624	Mohan H J	151755.2	27-Oct-25	24.000	22.900
Hoskote [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX5235	Varapana Amaranatha Reddy	97227	06-Nov-25	17.500	17.300
Hoskote [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX9997	Varapana Amaranatha Reddy	54502	06-Nov-25	11.100	9.000
Hoskote [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX8325	Varapana Amaranatha Reddy	27387.34	06-Nov-25	5.500	4.500
J C Road [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX6387	Shambhu A Angadi	102862.64	27-Oct-25	16.000	15.600
J P Nagar [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX5438	Kumari Nupur	115512	27-Sep-25	20.600	20.000
J P Nagar, [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX4021	Mohan C	112791.57	24-Mar-25	24.200	23.300
Jayanagar [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX4154	William Dayananda P	208549.9	27-Oct-25	34.000	33.500
Kasthuri Nagar [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX5215	Ganesh Rao	190429.78	27-Oct-25	36.200	35.100
Kengeri Satelli [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX2728	Ashwini M	446006.3	27-Oct-25	66.700	66.000
Kolar [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX4745	Sreenivasa Reddy Kami Reddy	905939.23	27-Oct-25	143.500	138.800
Kolar [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX2939	Saifulla A S	645993	27-Oct-25	98.000	97.200
Kolar [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX3061	Shankar Reddy K	205045	16-Nov-25	38.400	37.000
Kolar [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX2709	Imranpasha	203841.9	16-Jun-25	37.400	36.800
Kolar [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX9987	Swarna Kumar	172015.65	16-Nov-25	25.200	25.100
Kolar [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX0841	Afreen Tabassum	95951	27-Oct-25	17.000	15.200
Kolar [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX5012	Imranpasha	71977.41	16-Jun-25	16.900	16.500
Kolar [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX4444	Roopesh Sharma S N	100366	06-Aug-22	22.900	20.000
Koramangala [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX4761	Devalam Meenakshi	102448.55	06-Nov-25	24.700	22.600
Kushalnagar [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX4981	Jayachandra B C	32090	27-Oct-25	5.600	5.500
Mahadevpura [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX3754	Umesh Paswan	96489	27-Oct-25	14.600	14.300
Mahalakshmi Layout [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX2549	Shreenivasa G	66526.66	27-Oct-25	11.000	10.000
Malur [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX9102	Venkatesh Kumar P	804852	06-Nov-25	129.700	123.200
Malur [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX1943	Srinivasa R	312285	27-Sep-25	50.400	50.200
Malur [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX4874	Srinath M C	297015.71	27-Oct-25	47.500	47.300
Malur [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX8597	Sidedeaha H K	138139	27-Oct-25	26.300	22.200
Marathahalli, Bangalore [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX9032	Shreyas G	668145.83	27-Oct-25	154.900	141.000
Nelamangala [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX2574	Nanjegowda H P	1255532.2	27-Oct-25	186.500	184.600
Peenya, Bangalore [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX3869	Dinakar G	219578.73	16-Nov-25	34.700	34.600
Peenya, Bangalore [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX2139	M.t Sharath Kumar	164393.98	27-Sep-25	24.900	24.900
Prashanth Nagar [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX6307	Sreelakshmi B G	870483	27-Sep-25	139.200	138.700
Prashanth Nagar [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX3096	Gouramm A	196289	27-Oct-25	32.900	32.400
R T Nagar, Bangalore [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX6808	Shreedhar B Rudrappa	366066	06-Nov-25	64.100	56.000
R T Nagar, Bangalore [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX5274	Ziya Ulla Baig	316092.01	05-Jun-25	72.600	70.200
R T Nagar, Bangalore [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX9241	Yasmintaj	171500.25	06-Aug-25	33.400	32.000
R T Nagar, Bangalore [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX9856	Yasmintaj	121705	27-Oct-25	23.600	23.000
Rajajinagar, Bangalore [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX5728	Mallika U	656298	16-Nov-25	104.000	102.500
Rajajinagar, Bangalore [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX2793	Priya	225007.97	27-Oct-25	39.100	39.000
Rajarajeshwari Nagar [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX8570	Lakshmi S R	476438.62	16-Nov-25	81.200	80.800
Ramanagara [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX3520	Vinod Kumar C R	138277	27-Oct-25	20.000	19.800
RBI Layout [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX3279	P H Shankar .	2039425.5	27-Sep-25	358.500	349.800
Robertsonpet [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX2864	Suresh S	207622	27-Oct-25	34.300	33.100
Sahakarnagar, Bangalore [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX0051	Srinivasa	135874.24	27-Oct-25	22.200	21.400
Sanjay Nagar, [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX2353	C Vignesh	76983	16-Nov-25	12.100	12.000
Sarjapur Road [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX6196	Y S Viswanath	369996	27-Oct-25	55.800	55.000
Sarjapur Road [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX6970	Vedavathi R	56114	27-Oct-25	9.100	8.700
Sarjapur Road [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX0805	Vedavathi R	47135	27-Oct-25	7.800	7.200
Uttarahalli [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX4550	Kumara .	697361	16-Nov-25	130.500	107.800
Vidyaranyapura, [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX7757	Naveen D	1394695.16	06-Nov-25	219.000	211.800
Vidyaranyapura [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX1704	Naveen D	535190	27-Oct-25	82.400	79.800
Vidyaranyapura [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX0296	P Suresh	198533.55	27-Oct-25	39.300	39.100
Vidyaranyapura [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX4044	Umesh	67997.9	27-Oct-25	11.900	11.800
Whitefield Main [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX4971	Shashank M	185691.56	05-Jun-25	35.800	35.600
Whitefield Main [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX1184	Daniel Goldwin S	53131.98	27-Oct-25	11.500	11.200

Axis Bank Ltd. has the authority to remove account/change the auction date without any prior notice. Auction will be held online https://gold.samil.in on 16.12.2025 between 12:30 PM to 3:30 PM.
For detailed Terms and conditions, please log into given website https://gold.samil.in (website of online vendor)

Place: Bangalore **Sd/- Authorized Officer, Axis Bank LTD.**

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE NO. 31/2025 DATE : 02/12/2025

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tender through IREPS only for supply of following items: **Tender Closing Time: 10:30 Hrs.**

Sl.	Tender No.	Description in Brief	Qty.	Tender Due on
1	90251031	Steel Shots, size S-S-1180 for shot peening	61000 Kgs	16.12.2025
2	33251388	Intercar Gangway Bridge Mounting Complete For Lhb/Eog Coach	1424 Nos.	18.12.2025
3	30251045	Helical spring for bogie bolster suspension	1015 Nos.	23.12.2025
4	83255004	Infra-Red Thermal Vision Camera	20 Nos.	23.12.2025
5	30255004A	Bogie Frame Arrangement for self generation AC coaches	55 Nos.	24.12.2025
6	31251354	Installation Lever Assembly	9222 Nos.	29.12.2025
7	78255023	Supply and installation of twin dustbin with rain cover made	1000 Nos.	06.01.2026
8	38251631	Elastomeric Pads Design B to RDSO Spec	4800 Nos.	07.01.2026
9	38251573A	Outer Spring for CASNUB 22HS Bogie to RDSO Drg. No. WD-92058-S.	3828 Nos.	14.01.2026
10	16255004	3 Phase Induction Traction Motor Without Pinion For 4500 Hp	10 Nos.	15.01.2026
11	25251032A	Pantograph Assembly complete for High Speed AC Locos	29 Set	20.01.2026
12	38251353A	Striker Casting wear plate for wagon	23127 Nos.	28.01.2026
13	50251051	Low Maintenance Lead Acid Stationary Secondary Cells 2v/ 200	2743 Nos.	01.01.2026

For Tender No. 80251002A of Notice No.26/2025, the Due Date for opening of tender changed from 02.12.2025 to 15.12.2025.

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PUB/706/AAS/PRB/SWR/2025-26 **Principal Chief Materials Manager, Hubballi**

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NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

Bids are invited from reputed contractors for the following tenders:

E-Tender No.	Tender Description:	Estimated Cost
CPC-47/2025-26	Procurement of tower structure materials & HDG nut & bolts for completion of balance works of Jharbandh project.	Rs. 1,93,18,640.12/-

Complete set of bidding documents are available at **www.optcl.co.in**.

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(Only Through KPP-Portal)

BWSSB invites tenders from registered agencies for the following works:

Office of the Chief Engineer (WWM-East), 5th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, KG Road, Bangalore-560009.

Sl. No.	Division	IFT Number	Amount Put to Tender / EMD Amount	Last date & Time for submission of tender	Date and time for opening of tender
1	WWM T Valley	BWSSB/EE(WWM)TV/PB/1751/ 2025-26 Dated: 04.12.2025	₹ 33.39 Lakhs / ₹ 0.66 Lakhs	12.12.2025 upto 4:00 pm	15.12.2025 at 4:10 pm
2		BWSSB/EE(WWM)TV/PB/1758/ 2025-26 Dated: 04.12.2025	₹ 4.5 Lakhs / ₹ 9,000/-	15.12.2025 upto 4:00 pm	16.12.2025 at 4:10 pm
3		BWSSB/EE(WWM)TV/PB/1759/ 2025-26 Dated: 04.12.2025	₹ 40.47 Lakhs / ₹ 0.81 Lakhs		
4		BWSSB/EE(WWM)TV/PB/1754/ 2025-26 Dated: 04.12.2025	₹ 62.12 Lakhs / ₹ 1.24 Lakhs		

Sd/- Executive Engineer (WWM) T Valley

The details regarding the tender and participation in the e-procurement process can be obtained by logging on to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** For further details contact the above signed office during working hours.

DIPR/CP/MIA/4242/2025-26

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-2, BENGALURU

BSNL Builiding 4th Floor, Telephone House Rajbhavan Road Bengaluru - 560001

TRC No. 565/2018 Form No. 14 (See Regulation 33(2))

Karnataka Bank Limited, Branch at S. No. 26/27/28, Uttarahalli Main Road, Uttarahalli, Bengaluru **... Certificate Holder**
Versus
M/s. P. K. Food Products **....Defendants**

DEMAND NOTICE

To

1. M/s. P. K. Food Products, No. 16/1, Ground Floor, V. Muddaiah Compound, Arehalli, Bengaluru - 560 061. (Rep. by its proprietor Sri Ramalingaiah)

In view of the Recovery Certificate issued in **O.A. No.1199/2016** passed by the Presiding Officer, DRT, Bengaluru and an amount of **Rs.13,56,356/-** (Rupees Thirteen Lakhs Fifty Six Thousand Three Hundred and Fifty Six Only) is due against you along with interest and costs from date of filing of O.A.s till realization of the Recovery Certificate.

In addition to the sum aforesaid you will be liable to pay all charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due.

You are hereby called upon to deposit the amount within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made as per rules.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on **19.07.2018**

Sd/- Recovery Officer- I
Debts Recovery Tribunal , Bengaluru

Note: Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 which is reproduced below:
"Rule 16 (1) Where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Debt Recovery Officer, nor shall any Civil Court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money. (2) Where an attachment has been made under this Schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt, dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment".3) You are also liable to disclose your assets both movable and immovable to this Tribunal along with the Income Tax Returns of last 5 years.

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

Syndicate

SHOOLAY BRANCH : 87/8, ST.PATRICK CHURCH COMPLEX, RESIDENCY ROAD Mob: 9945276590, Mail id: cb10418@canarabank.com

POSSESSION NOTICE [SECTION 13(4)]
[Rule - 8 (1)] (For immovable Property)

Whereas The undersigned being the authorized Officer of the Canara Bank, Shoolay Branch, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **22.09.2025** calling upon the Borrower To :**1) MR.RAVINDRA K M S/O VEERABHADRAIAH**
No.213, R.r Layout , Nagadevanahalli , Jnanabharathi Post, Kengeri , Bengaluru 560056.
2) VINAY KUMAR K R (Guarantor)
No 21 3, R R Layout , Nagadevana Halli , Bengaluru - 560056.
3) M/s.TOTAL SOLUTIONS Represented by Prop. K M RAVINDRA
28 47 59th Cross 4th N Block , Rajajinagar , Bengaluru ,Bengaluru North , Karnataka-560010.
4) Prop . Mr. RAVINDRA K M S/O VEERABHADRAIAH
No.213 , R.r Layout , Nagadevanahalli ,Jnanabharathi Post , Bengaluru-560056.
Also having address at : i) MR. RAVINDRA K M
No 28/47 59 Cross , 4th N Block Rajaji Nagar , Bengaluru , Karnataka 560010.
ii) MR.RAVINDRA K M
No.63, G M Palya , New Thippasandra , Bangalore 562131.
iii) MR.RAVINDRA K M S/o VEERABHADRAIAH
No.132 6th Cross , Channasandra Layout , Bangalore -560098.
to repay the amount mentioned in the notice, being **Rs. 3,08,95,325.06 (Rupees Three Crore Eight Lakhs Ninety Five Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Five And Paisa Six Only)** and interest thereon within **60** days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 & 9 of the Security Interest Enforcement) Rules 2002 on this **4th day of December 2025.**
The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Canara Bank, **Shoolay Branch** for an amount of **Rs. 3,14,07,741.08 (Rupees Three Crore Fourteen lakhs seven thousand seven hundred forty one and Paisa Eight only)** and interest thereon.
The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable Property

All that piece and parcel of property bearing portion of Site no.16, BBMP Khatha No.1061/1025/32/6/16 situated in Nagadevanahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, within limits of BBMP, Kengeri Sub-Division measuring East to West : Northern side of 50-0 feet, Southern side 44-0 feet and North to South : Eastern side 26.34, Western side 27 feet ,in all measuring 1200 Sq ft. along with RCC Building with all civic amenities and bounded on the; **East by :** 30-0 feet Road , **West by :** Site No.15 **North by :** Northern portion of site No.16 pertains to M V Nagaraj And **South by :** Private Property
Name of the title holder : Mr. Ravindra K M

Date : 05.12.2025 , Place :Bangalore **Authorised Officer, Canara Bank**

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ARM Branch– II

2nd Floor, Circle Office, Spencer Towers, No.86, M G Road, Bengaluru-560001. Telephone numbers 080-25310099, 080-25310181
E-mail – cb6298@canarabank.com

AUCTION SALE NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the borrower (s) and guarantor (s) that the below described movable property/ies hypothecated to the secured creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken in exercise of the power conferred under the hypothecation agreement by **ARM-2 Branch, Canara Bank, Bangalore,** will be sold on **"as is where is", "as is what is", and "whatever there is"** basis on **31.12..2025, 1.00 PM to 3.00 PM**, against the total liability of **Rs. 5,28,61,086.74 as on 03.12.2025** (with further interest and charges). **Borrower: (1) M/s Sri Pravira Hospitality and Services Pvt Ltd.,** No 1817, Fortuna Srinivasam, S201, 12th Main Road, 31st Cross, 2nd Stage, Banashankari, Bengaluru-560070. **(2) Mr. Ramprakash Patwardhan (Director cum Guarantor),** No.428, 9th Main, Avalahally, BDA Layout, Bengaluru-560085. **(3) Mr. Ramprakash Patwardhan (Director cum Guarantor)** C/o SathyamurthyPattavardhan,No.618, 24th Cross, 20th Main, Poornaprajna Layout, Subramanyapura, Bengaluru-560061. **(4) Mrs. Lakshmi Sridhar (Director cum Guarantor)** W/o Mr Sridhar Somashekar, No.994/A, 4th Cross, Ashoknagar, Banashankari 1st Stage, Bengaluru-560050. **(5) Mr. Vijay Sagar Shetty (Guarantor)** C/o Ganesha, No.1817, Fortuna Srinivasam, S201, 12th Main Road, 31st Cross, 2nd Stage, Banashankari, Bengaluru-560070.

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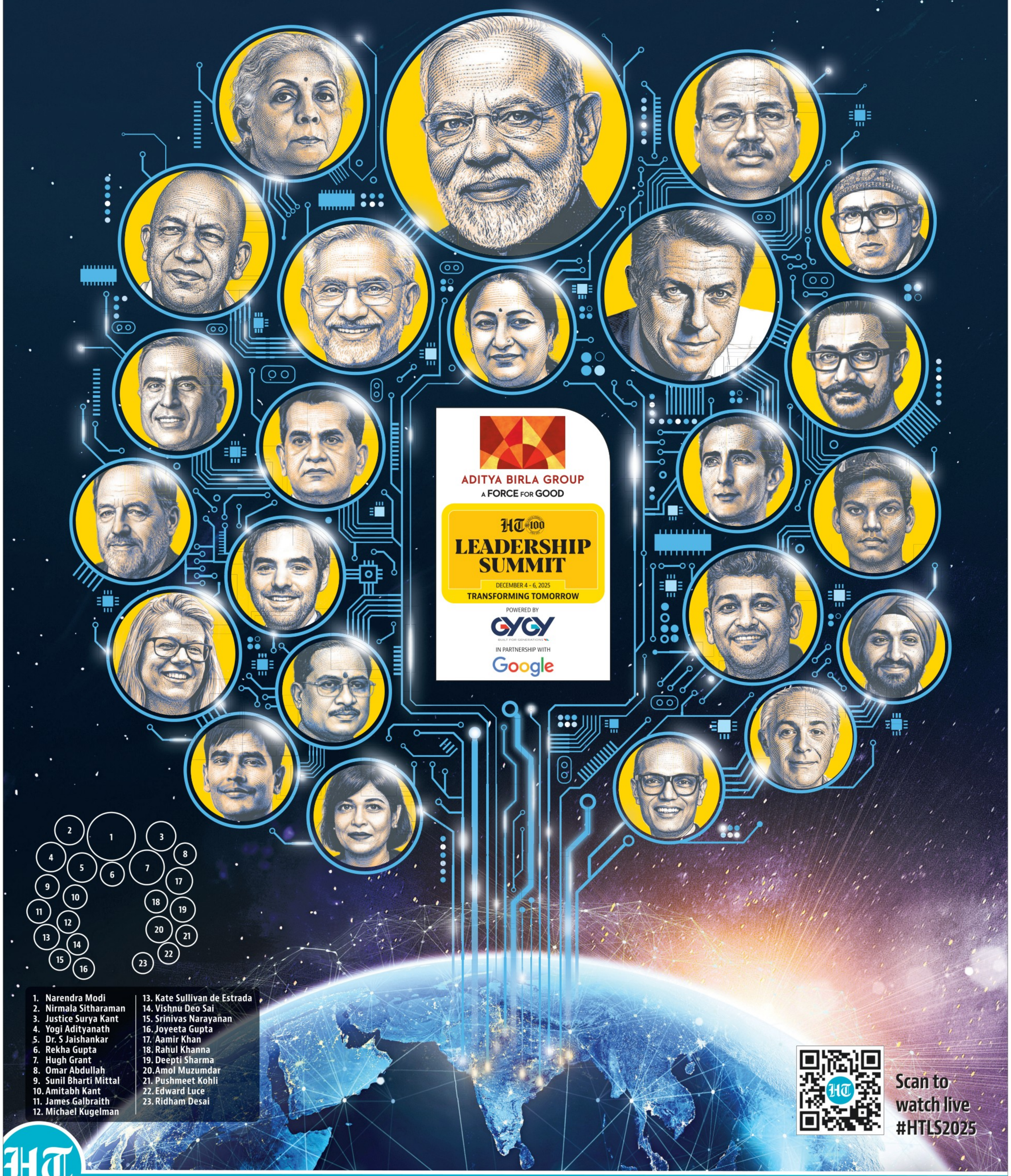

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HC sets aside third round provisional allotment list for MBBS, BDS courses

Three-judge Bench delivered the verdict after petitions were referred to it following divergent judgment passed by a Division Bench on Nov. 19

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Ending uncertainty of 41 days over admission to the remaining around 900 seats in the undergraduate medical and dental courses for the academic year 2025-26, a three-judge special Bench of the High Court of Karnataka has set aside the provisional allotment list of the third round of counselling for admission to MBBS and BDS courses published on October 24.

The allotment to around 900 vacant seats of MBBS course, including vacant seats under management quota, were on hold in Karnataka due to pendency of these petitions since October 25

Minor modification

The court directed the Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) to undertake the process of third round afresh with a minor modification to the methodology adopted by the KEA.

A three-judge Bench comprising Justices B.M. Shyam Prasad, M.I. Arun and T.M. Nadaf delivered a unanimous verdict on Friday after the petitions were referred to it following the divergent judgment passed by a Division Bench on November 19.

While directing the KEA to complete the counselling by December 17, the special Bench directed the National Medical Commission (NMC) to approve the list of candidates allotted through the KEA in the further rounds of counselling to various medical colleges, even though the last date for admission was already over.

Partial relief

The special Bench gave only partial relief to the petitioner-MBBS seat aspirants, who had questioned the methodology adopted by the KEA in allotting the seats in the third round of counselling to fill up vacant seats in MBBS course.

The allotment to around 900 vacant seats of MBBS course, including vacant seats under management quota, were on hold in Karnataka due to pendency of these petitions since October 25, when admission process to MBBS courses is almost over in other States, including through the All India Quota seats. Though the issue was only with regard to allotment of seats for MBBS courses, the admission to BDS course too was affected as students are allotted seats to these courses based on their ranks in the National-Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test.

Less meritorious benefited

The special Bench found flaw in the process of allotment of seats within the third round while observing that "unwittingly, perhaps, the KEA has allowed the less meritorious to the benefit of the better seats."

The special Bench noted that the KEA had not considered the petitioner-students and others, who had taken a seat in a medical college in the earlier rounds but wanted to upgrade to 443 newly added seats as per the option given to them by the KEA, for allotment to consequential vacancies in the second stage of allotment within the third round after allotment for 443 newly added seats in the first stage.

Registered candidates

The KEA, the special Bench pointed out, had considered only newly registered candidates for the allotment to consequential vacancies, arising after first stage allotment within the third round.

Rectify flaw

The KEA has now been directed to rectify this flaw.

Meanwhile, the Bench declined to accept the plea of the petitioners for considering them even for allotment to 337 seats, which remained vacant after second round of counselling before the 443 seats were added due to increase in intake in some colleges. The Bench said the petitioners were eligible only for 443 seats and vacancies arising within these 443 seats.

Advise to NMC

Noticing that intake for MBBS courses was increased after first round of counselling across the country, the special Bench said, "NMC, while granting approvals for additional seats, must find out whether the counselling has begun, and if the counselling has begun, must stipulate that these additional seats cannot be offered for the current academic year in view of Regulation 17 of Graduate Medical Education Regulations-2023."

The special Bench also said that the State government, in issuing/publishing seat matrix, must know the exacerbation that is bound to be if all aspects are not considered, and they must take decisions within time as required in law else the exacerbation is continued to be created in the coming years.

Police launch *suo motu* probe into Aryan Khan's 'hand gesture'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Aryan Khan

The Bengaluru Police have initiated an investigation into an alleged incident in which Bollywood actor Shah Rukh Khan's son, Aryan Khan, was allegedly seen making an obscene hand gesture during a public event at a pub in central Bengaluru.

A probe has been launched under Section 173 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, which allows the police to conduct a preliminary inquiry before filing a First Information Report. A decision on whether to register an FIR and what sections to invoke will be taken after the preliminary inquiry report is submitted.

Akshay Hakay Machhindra, Deputy Commissioner of Police (Central Division), told *The Hindu* that they have taken up a *suo motu* inquiry after the video of the alleged incident began circulating on social media. The alleged incident took place in the last week of November. A video purportedly shows the son of the Bollywood star making inappropriate hand gestures. The video also features the sons of prominent Karnataka Congress leaders.

Divided opinions

Meanwhile, netizens remain divided, with some supporting Mr. Khan while others criticised him for displaying such gestures in the presence of hundreds of people.

George inaugurates Bescom office building in city

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Minister for Energy K.J. George on Friday inaugurated the Bangalore Electricity Supply Company (Bescom) Whitefield Division and E-4 sub-division office building at Gandhipura, bringing both offices under one roof for the first time. With the shift to the new facility, he said consumers would now find it easier to access Bescom services. "The new office will help Bescom deliver services more efficiently," he said.

Inspections reveal widespread corruption

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In a major crackdown on alleged corruption and administrative lapses within the Education Department, 12 different teams conducted surprise inspections at the offices of the Joint Directors of Bengaluru Division and the Deputy Director of Public Instruction (DDPI), Bengaluru North, on Wednesday.

The inspection, carried out following a previous inspection and regular complaints, revealed a series of serious irregularities, misuse of funds, and violations of government rules.

According to a statement from the ombudsman, the checks revealed violations in the procurement of electronic equipment for government schools, questionable transfers of teachers, poor maintenance of government property, unattended complaints, and dysfunctional administrative systems.

One of the major irregularities was observed in the purchasing of laptops, projectors, UPS units, and computers meant for 19 government schools in the Bengaluru North division.

During video calls with school headmasters, Lokayukta teams found that headmasters were not present during school hours.

The inspection also uncovered violations of the Karnataka State Civil Services (Regulation of Transfer of Teachers) Act, 2020. While the Act allows transfers only during April-May except under special government-approved circumstances, the Joint Director allegedly received 2,457 applications and executed 530 transfers between November 17 and 26. The move exceeded the 15% annual limit.

Administrative conditions at the offices were described as 'pathetic', lacking basic amenities.

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I, **SUVARNA** Nagaraja, d/o; Laxminarayan Achrekar, r/o; 24 Rathna, 1st B Cross, 3rd Main Road, Someshwara Nagar, Chikkabommasandra, Blr–560065. Have changed my name as Suvarna Nagaraj.

I, **GUBBALA** Santi d/o Gubbala Madhusudana Rao born on 16–07–1978 residing at #105, Axis Amairo, 12th main, 5th phase, JP nagar, Bangalore 560078 have changed my name to Bhoomagoud Shanthi vide affidavit dated 04–08–2023 at Bangalore.

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **NAGILLA** Vijaya w/o Krishnama Naidu Gutta, R/at No.7, 2nd Main, 1st Cross, Jyothi Layout, Yelachenahalli, Bengaluru-560078 have changed my name from Nagilla Vijaya to Vijaya Gutta vide affidavit dated 03/12/2025 sworn before Notary L.Gopalakrishna, Bengaluru.

I, **SUKRUTHA** Venu Gopal, R/at No.65/9, 6th Main, 2nd Cross, 4th Block Thyagarajanagar, Bengaluru-560070, have changed my name from Sukrutha Venu Gopal to Sukrutha Santhosh Makam vide affidavit dated 04-12-2025 sworn before Notary Mamatha.N.K, Bengaluru.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

My client intend to purchase Property bearing municipal katha No. 153/19, E-Katha No. 1488752646, situated at 36th Cross Road, 5th Block Jayanagar, Bangalore, in BBMP Limits, Ward No. 179, measuring East to West 50 Feet and North to South 75 Feet totally measuring 3750 Square feet, along with a building measuring 2300 Square feet, more fully described in the schedule herein below from **"BHAVANI S RAO AND SESHAGIRI RAO FAMILY WELFARE TRUST"** represented by its Managing Trustee Mr.B.N.Seshagiri Rao and Mr. B.N.Murali S/o Mr. B.Nagabhushana residing at No. 153/19, 36th Cross, Near Telephone Exchange, Jayanagar, Bangalore – 560 050 who claims to be the absolute owner of the Schedule Property and apart from trust, no other person/s has/have any right, title, interest and/or claim/s in or upon the Schedule Property. If any person/s has/have any claims, right, title and/or interest in or upon the same, the same may be intimated to me within **10 days** from the date of this publication along with documents in support thereof. If no tenable objections are received within the said period, my clients will proceed to complete the transaction, deeming that there are no claims or objections whatsoever.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
Property bearing municipal katha No. 153/19, E-Katha No. 1488752646, situated at 36th Cross Road, 5th Block Jayanagar, Bangalore, in BBMP Limits, Ward No. 179, measuring East to West 50 Feet and North to South 75 Feet totally measuring 3750 Square feet, along with a building measuring 2300 Square feet and bounded on:
East by : Site No. 152
West by : Site No.154
North by : Road
South by : Property No. 332 and 333.
S.K. MITHUN Advocate,
No.19/1, 3rd Cross, Shankarpura,
BANGALORE- 560 004 Ph-9845366658

IN THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNBAL - 1, AT BANGALORE
BSNL Building, 4th Floor,
Telephone House,
Raj Bhavan Road, Bengaluru - 560 001.
O.A. No. 1330 / 2020
Between :
M/s. Punjab National Bank
... Applicant
And :
M/s. HUDA Garments & Other
... Defendants
SUMMONS TO THE DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION
Defendants :
1. M/s. HUDA Garments
A Proprietorship Firm, Rep. by its Sole Proprietress
Mrs. Sayeda Afreena Sulthana,
Chikkagollarhatti, Kodigehalli Main Road, Bangalore - 560091.
2. Mrs. Sayeda Afreena Sulthana
144, A.K. Colony, Tavarekere, Bangalore - 562130.
Whereas, the Applicant has instituted an Application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993 against you for the Recovery of a sum of **Rs. 21,73,687/- (Rupees Twenty One Lakhs Seventy Three Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Seven Only) due as on 31-07-2020** together with Current / Future interest and for other reliefs. You are hereby directed to appear in person or through an advocate or through authorized agents in support of your defense to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on **19-06-2026 at 10.30 a.m.** as to why the relief/s prayed for should not be granted. Take notice in case of default, the Application will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this **21.11.2025.**
Sd/- Registrar
(Debts Recovery Tribunal - 1, Bangalore)

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
Tender Notice No. CAO/CN/BNC/163/2025
Dated : 02-12-2025
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following works.

Name of the Work	Approx. Value
Bengaluru - Setting up of 'safety village' for training of break down officials in disaster management at IRIDM - Hejjala - Balance works of : Administrative Block / Hostel / Sports Complex / Quarters / Station Building / Roads / Bridges, Drains etc. New Works of : Rain Water Harvesting / STP / Multi Purpose Hall / alterations in Existing Rooms / Supervisor & Officer blocks / New Halt Station works etc. Accident demonstration open theatre for demonstration of accidents with 140T DBHD crane / Covered shed of total size 40.00 m x 12.00 m for stabling Gottwald Design 140T on capacity Crane on Hejjala siding etc., including Electric works (Composite work). **(Tender Ref. No. HJS-DMISV-07R)**	Rs. 27,00,70,546/-

Last date for submission of bids:
Upto 15:00 Hrs on 23-12-2025
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Deputy Chief Engineer/Construction/ Works/Bengaluru Cantonment
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PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public are hereby informed that my clients **Mr.Syed Zaid S/o Syed Kareem,** Aadhar No.8078 4324 4803 and **Mr Syed Kareem S/o Syed Ameer,** Aadhar No. 3048 3857 6394, both are residing at No. 451, 3rd Cross, Masjid Road, Begur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore 560 068, is intend to Purchase the schedule property from its owner **Mr.Karthik.R S/o Late Rajagopal,** residing at No.243, Chikkabegur, Begur Post, Bangalore-560 068, Aadhar No. 9692 4582 7809.
The general public are hereby notified that in case if any person/s asserting any legitimate right, objection/s or claim over the schedule property or any part thereof, they may forward such right/s or objection/s or claim/s along with the relevant documentary proof, to the undersigned with **7 days** from hereof. All such claims/objections received after **7 days** from the date of notification shall not be considered.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of the Residential property bearing **Site No.2,** formed in Sy No.53/1A, 53/2, BBMP EPID No.2040201718, property No.Site No.2, situated at **Hongasandra Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore District,** Now comes under BBMP Limits., measuring East to West **30 Feet** and North to South **40 Feet,** totally measuring **1200 Square Feet,** and bounded as follows:-
East by : Property belongs to Tulasiram, West by : Property belongs to Rani Bai, North by : Property belongs to Muniveer, South by : Road.
M.R.REVANNA, Advocate
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Our Client K. J. Deepak, son of Sri K.V. Jayaprakash, Flat No.201, Wing No.2, Sobha Deflower Apartments, Sarakki Main Road, 1st Phase, J.P.Nagar, Bengaluru – 560 078 also at: No.1001, DGold.in, 10th Floor, Brigade Towers, Brigade Road, Shantalanagar, Bengaluru 560025 along with Smt. K.J. Savitha, wife of Sri K.V. Jayaprakash, Sri K.J. Sai Darshan, son of Sri K.V. Jayaprakash, Master K.J. Trishaan, son of Sri K.V. Jayaprakash, since minor, represented by his mother and natural guardian Smt. K.J. Savitha, Sri K.J. Deepak, son of Sri K.V. Jayaprakash and Sri K.J. Dilip, son of Sri K.V. Jayaprakash had executed a Power of Attorney dated 08/11/2019 (registered as Document No.337/19-20, Book IV, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Gandhinagar (Ganganagar), Bengaluru) in favour of his father Sri K.V. Jayaprakash, son of Sri K.V. Vishwanathaiah authorizing him act on his behalf in respect of his 22.5% undivided share in the land bearing Survey No.40 measuring 1 acre 9 guntas and Survey No.43, measuring 24 guntas, both situated at Allalasandra Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk along with 22.5% of 90,000 square feet of saleable built-up area to be constructed thereon.
Our Client has revoked, terminated and cancelled the said Power of Attorney dated 08/11/2019 (registered as Document No.337/19-20, Book IV, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Gandhinagar (Ganganagar), Bengaluru) granted to Sri K.V. Jayaprakash, son of Sri K.V. Vishwanathaiah Shetty in respect of his share of 22.5% of undivided share in land and 22.5% of 90,000 square feet of built-up area vide Deed of Revocation of Power of Attorney on 04/12/2025 (registered as RJN-4-00811/525-26, in Book IV, in the office of the Sub-registrar, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru).
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South by : Remaining portion of Survey No.39/2.
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Date: 06/12/2025
M/s. Sundaraswamy & Ramdas, Advocates,
No.24, Keshava Nivas, Kalidasa Road, Gandhinagar,
Bangalore – 560 009. Ph: 22263838, 22380809
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BID FACTOR	Rs. 50,000.00	
DATE AND TIME OF INSPECTION	ON/BEFORE 23-12-2025 UPTO 4 PM	

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Place : Mandya **Canara Bank**

COVER

The rise of the secure workspace

As cyber risks surge and hybrid work expands digital exposure, India's flexible offices are evolving into secure, intelligence-led environments built to protect core enterprise value

Kunal Mehra

Every modern workspace is now a data fortress in disguise. On an ordinary weekday morning, employees swipe into biometric gates, log into cloud dashboards, and send thousands of data transactions across networks without a second thought – constantly engaging in data-heavy exchanges. Yet behind this seamless flow lies an invisible architecture: sensors, algorithms, firewalls, and security protocols working tirelessly in the background. What was once simply an office is now seen as a live, intelligent ecosystem, one that must defend itself as effectively as it empowers its people.

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This evolution didn't happen by chance. As cyberattacks escalate in complexity, hybrid work deepens digital exposure, and businesses embrace cloud-based operations, the modern workspace has acquired a new identity: a safe data haven. No longer judged only on design, amenities, or location, today's workspace is evaluated for its ability to protect data, anticipate threats, and inspire employee confidence. Security is no longer a layer; it has become the architecture of custom-built offices.

In the past three years, organisations have witnessed a dramatic expansion of their risk landscape. India alone faced over 2.04 million cyber security incidents last year, reflecting how deeply exposed businesses have become as digital dependency grows. Employees now connect from different devices, transfer large volumes of proprietary information, and collaborate through cloud tools. Every login, file transfer, or sensor interaction becomes a potential vulnerability.

Simultaneously, threat actors have shifted their tactics. Attacks now target IP-rich proprietary environments, access control systems, video feeds, and IoT devices embedded within smart buildings. Therefore, workspaces have become central to enterprise risk management, not peripheral to it.

This rising complexity has restated where global firms choose to build their capability centres, and India is at the forefront of that shift. The country is rapidly becoming a preferred destination for GCCs because its flexible workspaces are increasingly meeting or exceeding global benchmarks for digital and physical security.

Today's flexible workspaces across Tier 1 metros offer far more than convenience – they provide highly comprehensive network architecture designed for sensitive workloads, supported by tiered access-control systems, AI-enabled surveillance, and advanced business continuity infrastructure. Integrated digital solutions enable global teams to collaborate seamlessly, while robust compliance frameworks ensure alignment with stringent international data protection norms.

For GCCs managing core engineering, AI model training, financial analytics, payments infrastructure, or cybersecurity operations, India's secure workspaces delivers the trifecta of performance, protection, and scalability.

Organisations have moved from checklist-based assessments to a more holistic, systems-oriented evaluation of workspaces' safety. Their decision-making spans two interconnected dimensions that must work in concert. Physical security capabilities encompass perimeter protection, intelligent access systems, biometric gates, emergency response planning, and surveillance powered by analytics. The goal is to ensure controlled access, rapid incident response, and continuity of on-ground safety. Digital security architecture examines the workspace's IT backbone: encrypted networks, built-in firewalls, secure server rooms, SD-WAN solutions, endpoint protection, and real-time monitoring. Here, digital security isn't an add-on—it is embedded into the building's core design.

The truly future-ready facilities are those where physical and digital environments merge, where a motion sensor, a swipe card, a network login, and an operational dashboard all feed into a single real-time risk intelligence system. Today's intelligent workspaces are built on technologies that sense, anticipate, and respond. These innovations create continuous learning environments that evolve with emerging threats.

AI-based anomaly detection tools continuously analyse user behaviour, network traffic, and movement patterns. When they detect irregularities such as unusual logins, abnormal data transfers, or unexpected physical access, they trigger instant alerts or isolate suspicious activity. IoT sensors embedded within the workspace act as digital sentinels, monitoring environmental changes, detecting unauthorised access, tracking occupancy patterns, and interfacing with building systems to maintain a safe, regulated ecosystem. These devices create comprehensive situational awareness across the entire workspace. Edge computing processes sensitive data at or near the source rather than sending it to distant servers. This drastically reduces latency and ensures millisecond-level threat detection and response, particularly in high-density flexible workspaces.

Digital twins create virtual replicas of the workspace that helps operators simulate potential threats, stress-test systems, and identify vulnerabilities before they can be exploited. It enables predictive maintenance, early-warning alerts, and intelligent decision-making.

For developers, operators, and occupiers alike, safe data havens unlock multi-layered value. They ensure business continuity through uninterrupted, protected operations, while transparent, tech-enabled security layers build strong tenant confidence. Within these risk-free digital ecosystems, productivity naturally rises, leading to long-term retention as both employees and employers trust the environment they work in. Ultimately, such spaces strengthen an organisation's reputation, positioning it as a secure, future-ready workplace.

The writer is president and co-founder of Table Space.

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D.K. Shivakumar reaches out to other community leaders, seers

The Deputy Chief Minister, though enjoys the support of the Vokkaliga community, is well aware that he cannot solely depend on its support to become an acceptable leader for all communities and regions

Nagesh Prabhu
BENGALURU

After back-to-back dinner meetings which appeared to have propelled Deputy Chief Minister and Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee chief D K Shivakumar to the centre stage of Karnataka politics, the Vokkaliga leader now seems to be reaching out to AHINDA and Veershaiva-Lingayat communities to gain their confidence to back his claim for the Chief Minister's post.

A politician known for organisational skills, Mr. Shivakumar, though enjoys the support of his Vokkaliga community and seers, is well aware that he cannot solely depend on the support of his community to become an acceptable leader for all communities and regions across the State.

Knowing well the limitations of his community's support, which is largely confined to the Old Mysore region, during the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, particularly after the defeat of his brother, D.K. Suresh, in the Bengaluru Rural constituency and the party candidate in the Vokkaliga belt of Mandya, the KPCC chief appears to be planning to widen his social base.

Seers belongings to the backward class communities calling on Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar in Bengaluru on Friday.

This kind of wide social base is so far enjoyed by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah.

Unlike the Chief Minister, who largely has a secure support of the AHINDA, cutting across all regions of the State, Mr. Shivakumar's strength has so far been confined to the Cauvery belt. Mr. Shivakumar is keen to expand it now.

Interestingly, on Friday, as many as 11 religious seers belonging to various OBC castes called on Mr. Shivakumar and held a discussion.

On Thursday, Mr. Shivakumar was seen huddled with PWD Minister Satish Jarkiholi at the Palace Grounds, after attending the reception of a marriage.

Both the leaders held discussions related to political development in the State for more than 15 minutes, said Mr Jarkiholi.

Multiple meetings

Before holding breakfast meetings with the Chief Minister, Mr. Shivakumar had called on Energy Minister K.J. George, Housing Minister B.Z. Zameer Ahmed and Mr Jarkiholi, all loyalists of Mr. Siddaramaiah, and apparently sought their support.

On Friday, Mr. Shivakumar not only participated in the inaugural function of the newly-constructed building of the Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board (KIADB) in Bengaluru, but also held lengthy one-on-one discussions with Large and Medium Industries Minister M.B. Patil.

Earlier in the day, IT/BT Minister Priyank Kharge visited the residence of the KPCC chief and reportedly held discussions about ongoing political developments in the State.

As the Congress high command is expected to summon both Mr. Siddaramaiah and Mr. Shivakumar after the Winter session of Parliament and State legislature, it remains to be seen how these meetings would benefit Mr. Shivakumar during the talks on power sharing.

CWMA Chairman S.K. Haldar inspecting the Kallanai in Thanjavur district on Friday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

'Feasibility of Mekedatu reservoir yet to be established'

The Hindu Bureau
THANJAVUR

Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA) Chairman S.K. Haldar said on Friday that the proposed Mekedatu reservoir of the Karnataka government could not be taken forward at this stage as its techno-commercial feasibility was "yet to be established". He said the project was no longer before the CWMA, as the file had already been returned to the Central Water Commission (CWC).

"The Karnataka government has proposed this project, but its techno-commercial feasibility – whether it is fit to be taken up for investment – is yet to be established. Only if those aspects are established can we say whether the project will come up or not. At this stage, these things are yet to be finalised," Mr. Haldar told reporters after inspecting the Kallanai (Grand Anicut). Mr. Haldar's visit to Kallanai was a part of an inspection of the structures on the Cauvery.

Earlier in the day, Tamil Nadu All Farmers' Organisations Co-ordination Committee president P.R. Pandian met Mr. Haldar and submitted a memorandum urging the CWMA to formally reject Karnataka's draft Mekedatu dam proposal.

He contended that the dam would adversely affect downstream irrigation and reiterated the demand for permission to construct a check dam in Rasimanal to prevent surplus flows into the sea.

Pace of tax collection slows in State

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Commercial Tax Department, which contributes a large amount of revenue to the State exchequer, fell short of its target in November 2025 by recording a collection of ₹72,131 crore against the target of ₹80,000 crore.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, who also holds the Finance portfolio, on Friday chaired a meeting of the department, which has been set a target of ₹1,20,000 crore for the for the Commercial Tax Department in the financial year 2025-26.

Of the ₹72,131 crore, GST formed ₹53,522 crore, while Karnataka Sales Tax (KST) constituted ₹17,595 crore and Income Tax ₹1,014 crore.

While a growth rate of 12% was achieved in the first five months (from April to August), the reduction in GST rates led to a growth rate of 3% during the last three months in tax collection, according to an official press release.

Against the target of ₹43,000 crore for 2025-26, the Excise Department earned revenue of ₹26,215 till the end of November, a growth rate of 10.46% compared to last year.

From Page One

SAF deployed in Mandya district too

"Based on field reports, we have extended the SAF to Mandya as well," he said.

Highlighting reforms introduced by the government, Dr. Parameshwara said Karnataka ranked first in the country in delivering justice, scoring 6.78 out of 10 in the India Justice Report survey.

Close coordination between the police and the judiciary, especially in addressing cases involving marginalised communities, had contributed to the top ranking, he said.

The State also became the first in India to establish 33 exclusive Directorate of Civil Rights Enforcement police stations for handling cases under the SC/ST Prevention of Atrocities Act.

"The Criminal Investigation Department (CID) now houses a Deposits Fraud Unit and a Criminal Intelligence Unit, while a separate CID subdivision has been created in Belthangady," he noted.

The Minister detailed improvements in emergency response, noting that the 112 helpline received 24,000 calls daily and police respond to around 1,400 of them.

Bengaluru's average response time had been brought down to 6.59 minutes. Community policing initiatives such as 'Mane Manege Police' had reached 95% coverage, helping reduce fear of uniformed personnel. He noted that about 9,000 AI-enabled cameras had been installed at major junctions in Bengaluru, adding to the seven lakh surveillance cameras already in place.

"The Forensic Science Laboratory has been modernised, speeding up report delivery to two months," Dr. Parameshwara noted.

According to the Minister, cybercrime control has been strengthened with the appointment of an exclusive DGP, the first such post in the country, along with cybercrime police stations in all districts. The 1930 helpline now operated 24/7 with 66 officials.

Saffron shawl-hijab row resurfaces in Haveri district

The Hindu Bureau
HUBBALLI

The saffron shawl-hijab row has resurfaced in Haveri district, with some students attending classes wearing saffron shawl in protest against students attending classes wearing hijab in C.G. Bellad Government First Grade College at Akki Alur of Haveri district. However on Friday, the classes were held as usual and no one raised the issue.

The students had attended classes wearing a saffron shawl on Thursday. The day passed without any problem as the lecturers and authorities did not object to them wearing saffron shawls, and the students returned home after attending classes.

The students' grouse was that the principal had not ensured compliance with uniform code by not allowing hijab on the campus even after repeated pleas.

In protest, around 50 students, including girl students, attended classes wearing saffron shawls on Thursday. A few students, on condition of anonymity, claimed that they were forced to wear the shawls because their plea was not being addressed.

Students wearing a saffron shawl in the C.G. Bellad Government First Grade College at Akki Alur of Haveri district. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The tussle has reportedly resulted in students being barred from carrying mobile phones to the college, and regular checks had increased in the last couple of days.

College authorities have maintained that the students, once inside the college, removed the hijab and attended classes wearing the regular uniform. It was only because two students attended classes wearing hijab on December 3 that a few other students came wearing saffron shawls on Thursaday.

On Friday, several students brought saffron shawls in their bags and had planned to wear them in case of hijab-wearing students attending classes. However they did not do so as no student came to the classroom wearing hijab, sources said.

According to Principal Viresh Kummur, the issue was being sorted out through dialogue. However the meeting which was supposed to be held on Friday did not take place in the wake of students attending classes without raising the issue.

Lower GST growth: CM urges Centre to compensate States

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Welcoming the reduction of GST rates in the 56th GST Council, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Friday said the growth of gross GST collection during September to November 2025 has slowed down to 3.3% as against 9% in the corresponding period of the previous year, following rationalisation of tax rates.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah in a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi said the growth of gross GST collection during September to November 2025 slowed down to 3.3% following rationalisation of tax rates. FILE PHOTO

Acting in faith

In a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Chief Minister said "States have acted with complete faith and in full spirit of cooperative federalism by accepting the Centre's rationalisation proposals in their entirety", and demanded compensating the State for the revenue loss.

GST growth rate

Mr. Siddaramaiah said the actual net domestic GST growth rate for the country had registered a 1.7% year-on-year in growth for the three months affected by rationalisation (September to November) as against a healthy growth rate of 8.9% in the corresponding period of the previous year. "This is a huge 7% decline in the post rationalisation of taxes. If the same trend continues for the remainder of the year against estimated net GST collection of ₹15.5 lakh crore (10% growth rate as of the previous year), we may register a collection of ₹14.6 lakh crore, which is a short fall of ₹85,000 crore for the current year alone," he said.

Severe reduction

"Karnataka GST numbers also reflect this pattern of severe reduction in GST collections. The State recorded a 3.1% growth rate in net GST collection from September to November, and based on current trends, we foresee a revenue shortfall of ₹5000 crore this year.

For 2025-26, this translates into a ₹9000 crore shortfall," Mr. Siddaramaiah said in the letter

This excluded the additional loss of approximately ₹9,500 crore due to the non-merger of the compensation cess, the Chief Minister said.

State to develop 'Digital Heritage Portal' to preserve cultural legacy

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Karnataka is advancing its vision to become a national leader in digital heritage preservation with a proposal to create a unified Karnataka Digital Heritage Portal that will integrate manuscripts, rare printed works, archival records and other cultural resources on a single platform.

The initiative, led jointly by the Oriental Research Institute (ORI), Mysuru, and the Karnataka State Archives, aligns with the Union government's Digital India Mission and the National Mission for Manuscripts. Officials said the portal will provide global access to the State's cultural heritage and strengthen long-term conservation and research.

As a key component of the plan, ORI Mysuru is set to house the National Centre for the History of Indian Sciences, further strengthening its role as a premier knowledge repository. The Institute has already embarked on an ambitious programme to digitise its entire collection of palm leaf and paper manuscripts, while also establishing a dedicated website to make rare resources accessible to scholars worldwide.

To accelerate digitisation, ORI has entered into an MoU with the Mahabharata Pratishthana, Bengaluru, and is also partnering with the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA), New Delhi. The Institute is upgrading its technology infrastructure to support AI-enabled tools for script recognition, metadata tagging, and digital restoration of damaged materials - an area where initial experiments have shown promising results, officials pointed out.

The Oriental Research Institute, Mysuru houses more than 70,000 manuscripts and 45,000 rare printed works M.A. SRIRAM

A short audio-visual presentation has already been produced to demonstrate ongoing work and showcase the transformative potential of the digital heritage initiative. Training programmes for digital archivists and expanded digitisation capacity are also part of the broader roadmap.

The ORI, Mysuru houses more than 70,000 manuscripts and 45,000 rare printed works, including the Arthashastra, Aryabhatiya, Natya Shastra and Sritattvanidhi. Digitisation projects worth over ₹2.15 crore, undertaken with the Bengaluru Mythic Society and Save Our Country Foundation, have enabled the conversion of a major share of its holdings into digital archives.

Report on digitisation

A consolidated report earlier submitted to the Union government highlighted ongoing projects to safeguard rare collections that reflect India's intellectual legacy – from Ayurveda and astronomy to temple records and classical literature.

The report was presented at a workshop on 'Digitisation of Manuscripts and Archival Records' jointly organised by the Departments of Archives, Tourism and the University of Mysore at the Venkatappa Art Gallery on Thursday.

Pointing to India's rich knowledge traditions embedded in thousands of palm-leaf and paper manuscripts, the report noted that Karnataka holds a substantial share of this heritage, especially in Sanskrit and Kannada.

India-Taiwan Industrial Park to come up in State

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Allegiance International Co. Ltd. of Taiwan will establish an India-Taiwan Industrial Park (ITIP) in Karnataka with an investment of ₹1,000 crore.

The ITIP will house Taiwanese firms that are focused on electronics and semiconductor and contribute to the development of a supply chain ecosystem for components, PCBs, and chip design in the State.

According to the Department of Electronics, IT, BT and Science and Technology, this collaboration will strengthen Karnataka's position as India's leading destination for Electronics System Design and Manufacturing.

The State government on Friday signed a Memorandum of Understanding with The Allegiance International Co. Ltd as an initial step towards implementing the project. The MoU was signed in the presence of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Minister for IT and S&T, Priyank Kharge.

National Herald case: Delhi Police notice to DKS

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The Delhi Police have issued a notice to Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar seeking financial and transactional details as part of its probe into the National Herald case, an official said on Friday.

The notice issued by the Economic Offences Wing (EOW) states that Mr. Shivakumar was "supposed to be having vital information" pertaining to the National Herald case registered on October 3 this year, against Congress leaders Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi.

In the notice dated November 29, the EOW asked Mr. Shivakumar to appear before it or provide the requested information by December 19 latest. Investigators have sought details about his personal background, his association with the Congress, and a complete break-up of funds allegedly transferred by him or associated entities to Young Indian.

'Targeted'

Sources close to the Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister said he was being targeted for "not playing ball" with the BJP, and this underscored that he was among the key leaders "taking the hit" for the Congress.

They further said Mr. Shivakumar was the "most persecuted" among Congress leaders, but the BJP would not succeed in "breaking him".

SC asks Kerala Governor, CM to reach consensus on V-C selection by Dec. 9

Attorney-General informs the court that the Governor prefers Ciza Thomas and Priya Chandran to head two universities, but the Chief Minister disagrees with him; court says it will make the appointment if no agreement is reached by the date

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday said Kerala Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar and Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan must reach a consensus by Tuesday on the appointment of the "most meritorious" among the names shortlisted by search committees headed by a retired top court judge to the posts of Vice-Chancellor in APJ Abdul Kalam Technological University and the Kerala University of Digital Sciences, Innovation and Technology.

"By Tuesday, you will have to reach some consensus. If you are unable to do so, the intervention of the court is the only option... You would have to work it out or the court will make the appointment," Justice Pardiwala, heading a Bench, addressed Attorney-General R. Venkataramani, appearing for the Governor, and senior advocate Jaideep Gupta, for the Kerala government, standing on either end of the courtroom.

The court says if the Governor and the Chief Minister do not reach a consensus, it will make the appointment. FILE PHOTO

The hearing began with Mr. Venkataramani conveying to the court that the Governor, who is also the Chancellor of the two universities, preferred two names, Ciza Thomas and Priya Chandran, for the two universities, respectively. However, the Chief Minister did not agree with him.

Mr. Venkataramani said his preference was dictated by the fact that Dr. Thomas and Dr. Chandran had figured on the V-C panels prepared by both the search committees headed by retired Supreme Court judge Sudhanshu Dhulia.

Mr. Gupta cut in, saying the "Chancellor has agreed to the very two names the Chief Minister has found unacceptable".

The court said the point was to have the most qualified persons appointed. "We want the most meritorious of the names in both the universities," Justice Pardiwala emphasised.

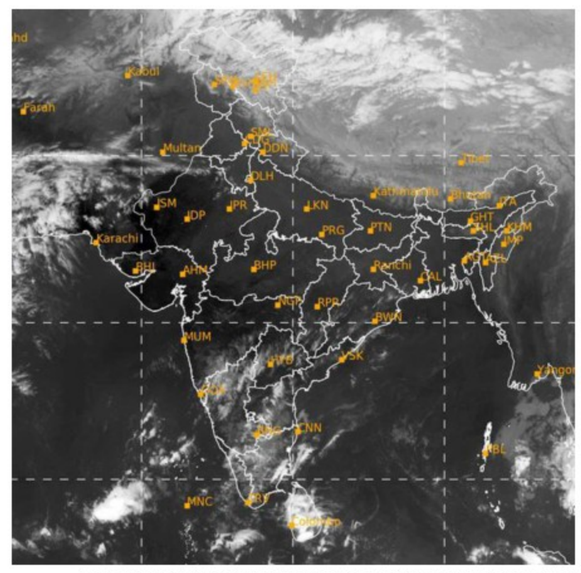
The court had ordered the shortlisted names, endorsed by Justice Dhulia, to be placed before the Chief Minister for his consideration.

The August 18 order had entitled the Chief Minister to recommend to the Governor the shortlisted names in order of preference for appointment as Vice-Chancellors.

In September, the Governor's office returned to the apex court, seeking a modification of the August 18 order regarding the role of the Chief Minister in the appointment process.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 15.45 HRS)

Forecast for Saturday: Thunderstorm with lightning/gusty winds likely at isolated places over Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Cold wave conditions likely at isolated places over Punjab, Delhi, Jharkhand and Odisha. Dense fog likely at isolated pockets over Himachal Pradesh, Assam, Nagaland, Manipur and Tripura

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	29.0	13.0	Kozhikode	0.2	33.0	25.2
Ahmedabad	—	28.8	17.1	Kurnool	—	31.3	21.8
Aizawl	—	26.7	13.6	Lucknow	—	25.0	8.4
Allahabad	—	25.2	7.2	Madurai	—	31.0	23.7
Bengaluru	0.2	24.6	20.2	Mangaluru	—	33.8	24.1
Bhopal	—	24.8	8.2	Mumbai	—	34.1	21.2
Bhubaneswar	—	29.2	14.0	Mysuru	—	27.0	20.0
Chandigarh	—	23.9	6.1	New Delhi	—	23.5	5.6
Chennai	—	29.1	24.2	Patna	—	25.0	13.0
Coimbatore	0.4	28.6	22.1	Port Blair	—	31.3	25.8
Dehradun	—	25.1	7.3	Puducherry	11.6	28.8	24.1
Gangtok	—	18.3	8.5	Pune	—	29.8	18.6
Goa	—	33.2	24.7	Raipur	—	27.4	13.9
Guwahati	—	28.4	14.3	Ranchi	—	23.6	10.2
Hubballi	—	28.0	17.0	Shillong	—	19.4	7.4
Hyderabad	—	29.4	17.9	Shimla	—	19.0	7.6
Imphal	—	24.3	11.4	Srinagar	—	10.6	0.4
Jaipur	—	25.8	9.2	Thiruvananthapuram	—	33.6	24.2
Kochi	0.2	31.8	24.8	Tiruchi	4.5	29.1	23.6
Kohima	—	18.8	7.8	Vijayawada	—	29.4	21.4
Kolkata	—	27.2	16.7	Visakhapatnam	—	28.0	21.5

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.29	..80	.60	...125	...158	
Bengaluru	...6	..18	108	91	...132	
Chennai	.15	..15	.36	38	...101	
Delhi	.41	120	.99	...361	...299	
Hyderabad	...7	..33	.36	...129	...116	
Kolkata	.12	..18	.48	...273	...152	
Lucknow	.10	..49	.25	...192	...137	
Mumbai	.11	..65	.38	...153	...134	
Pune	.13	106	.96	...294	...254	
Visakhapatnam	.29	..40	.45	...277	...170	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Hapur, Uttar Pradesh recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 372 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Ramanathapuram, Tamil Nadu recorded a healthy AQI score of 21

Air Quality Code: Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Supreme Court says temple funds cannot be used to support distressed cooperative banks

Aaratrika Bhaumik
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday said that money belonging to a temple deity cannot be diverted to prop up financially distressed cooperative banks.

A Bench headed by Chief Justice of India Surya Kant was hearing appeals filed by a group of cooperative banks challenging a Kerala High Court direction to return deposits made by the Thirunelly Temple Devaswom.

"Temple money belongs to the deity. It must be saved, protected, and utilised solely for the interests of the temple. It cannot become a source of income or survival for a cooperative bank," the Chief Justice said.

Appearing for the petitioners, advocate Manu Krishnan G. submitted that the High Court's "abrupt" two-month timeline for repayment was causing significant operational difficulty.

However, the Bench was not persuaded.

"You want to use temple money to save the bank? What is wrong with directing that the funds, instead of being held in a cooperative bank breathing with great difficulty, should be placed in a healthy nationalised bank offering maximum interest?" the Chief Justice asked.

The petitions were filed by Mananthawady Co-operative Urban Society Ltd. and Thirunelly Service Cooperative Bank Ltd.

The High Court had ordered five cooperative banks to close the Devaswom's fixed deposits and refund the entire amount within two months after they repeatedly refused to release the matured deposits.

The dispute originated from a petition by the Thirunelly Devaswom, which stated that several cooperative banks refused to release the temple's fixed deposits despite repeated repayment requests.

Will develop Warangal like Hyderabad: CM

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has said that the Telangana government will develop Warangal on the lines of Hyderabad, with an Outer Ring Road, underground drainage system, and an airport.

"All three projects will commence by March 31," the Chief Minister declared while addressing at a public meeting in Narsampet of Warangal district on Friday.

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
COMMISSIONERATE FOR WELFARE OF THE DIFFERENTLY ABLED
No.05, LADY WILLINGDON COLLEGE CAMPUS, KAMARAJAR SALAI, CHENNAI-600 005.

Roc.No. 3730 /A&A/RIGHTS/2025 **TENDER NOTICE** Date : 05.12.2025

Bids are invited from potential bidders for supply of Furniture for 37 sub divisional OSC's across the districts of Ariyalur, Dindigul, Kanchipuram, Kanniyakumari, Krishnagiri, Madurai, Mayiladuthurai, Nagapattinam, Namakkal, Pudukkottai, The Nilgiris, Tirunelveli, Tiruppur, Tiruvannamalai and Villupuram through the e-procurement portal. The complete details are available on the department website -**www.scd.tn.gov.in** as well as on the tender **website-tntenders.gov.in.**

Bids are to be uploaded through the e-procurement portal at **http://tntenders.gov.in**

Project Director – TN RIGHTS / Commissioner for Welfare of the Differently Abled, Chennai-600 005 reserves the right to accept or reject the tenders without assigning any reason.

DIPR/ 6504 /TENDER/2025

Project Director – RIGHTS / Commissioner for Welfare of the Differently Abled

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BENGALURU CENTRAL CITY CORPORATION
Office of the Superintending Engineer, Zone-2, 4th Floor, Annex Building-3, Bengaluru-560 002.

No:SE/BCCC/Z-2/TEND/02/2025-26 Date: 05-12-2025

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER
(Two Cover System) GoK KPP Portal only website: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

The Superintending Engineer, Zone-2, BCCC, Bengaluru invites tenders from eligible Contractors firm registered in Bengaluru Central City Corporation or equivalent registration with Labour Department of any State Government Organisations for the **Collection of Parking Fees for Various Roads in Bengaluru Central City Corporation, Zone-2,** detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work:
1.	Collection of Parking Fees Commercial Street (Kamaraj Road) to OPH Road, Main Guard Road from Safina Plaza to Dispensary Road & Dickenson Road. **Minimum Reserve Annual License fee (₹. in Lakh): 155.30, (EMD in ₹.): 2,33,000/-.**
2.	Collection of Parking Fees Dispensary Road (OPH Road) to Kamaraj Road & Ibrahim Sahib Street Road. **Minimum Reserve Annual License fee (₹. in Lakh): 134.90, (EMD in ₹.): 2,02,350/-.**
3.	Collection of Parking Fees for Millers Road Junction, Planetarium Road, St. John's Church Road & St. John's Road. **Minimum Reserve Annual License fee (₹. in Lakh): 183.90, (EMD in ₹.): 2,76,000/-.**
4.	Collection of Parking Fees for 2nd Temple Road in Dattatreya Temple Ward, Sampige Road, Railway Parallel Road & BVK Iyengar Road. **Minimum Reserve Annual License fee (₹. in Lakh): 156.30, (EMD in ₹.): 2,35,000/-.**
5.	Collection of Parking Fees for Mavalli Tank Bund Road, DVG Road in Sunkenahalli Ward, Shankarmatt Road & PMK Road. **Minimum Reserve Annual License fee (₹. in Lakh): 177.84, (EMD in ₹.): 2,67,000/-.**
6.	Collection of Parking Fees for Vani Vilas Road, Vasavi Temple Street, Kanakapura Road, Diagonal Road, Patalamma Road & T. Mariyappa Road. **Minimum Reserve Annual License fee (₹. in Lakh): 198.90, (EMD in ₹.): 2,90,000/-.**

Calendar of Events: (1) Tender documents may be downloaded from the KPP Portal of the Govt. of Karnataka from : **08.12.2025. (2)** Pre Bid Meeting will be held on **23.12.2025 at 3:00 p.m.** in the Office of the Chief Engineer-Zone 2, Bengaluru Central City Corporation, 4th Floor, Annex Building-3, Bengaluru-02. **(3)** Tenders must be submitted online through KPP Portal on **05.01.2026 before 4:00 p.m. (4)** Technical Bids will be opened on **07.01.2026 at 4:30 p.m.**

Sd/- Superintending Engineer, Zone-2, BCCC.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that, my Client Mrs. JOSEPHINE SUGANA BAI, wife of Late I.S.MARTIN JABANATHAN, Residing at NO. 47/A/20, 8TH EAST MAIN ROAD, VELLORE-630026, ALSO RESIDENT OF NO. 14, 1ST CROSS, TRINITY ENCLOAVE BENGALURU-560016, MOBILE : 9269841212 bring to the notice of the General Public, my Client is the absolute owner of the below described Schedule Property and Original DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE, bearing document number : 3758/1998-99, Registered on 31/08/1998 in the office of the Photo Register, Krishnarajapura, Bengaluru (U) Dist. Executed by Dr. ELIZABETH JOHN Rep. By Her GPA Holder Mrs. Saramma George in favour of Sri. I.S.MARTIN JABANATHAN, i.e. My Client's Husband in respect of the Schedule Property is lost from our custody and for which they have filed complaint before Karnataka State Police, Police Unit - Bengaluru City on 03/12/2025 in Lost Report No. 1937262/2025. If any persons/s or any establishment is holding the aforementioned Document, they shall return / handover the same to the undersigned Advocate or if any person is having any claim shall contact the undersigned in writing along with documentary proof within 10 days from the date of this Notice, failing which it will be presumed that there are no claims and the Certified Copy of the said document shall be treated as Original Document.

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All that piece and parcel of Immovable Property bearing House in Site. No. 14, House List Khatha No. 260/1, situated at KALKERE VILLAGE, K.R.PURAM HOBLI, BENGALURU SOUTH TALUK, measuring EAST TO WEST : 60 FEET and NORTH TO SOUTH : 40 FEET and bounded on : EAST BY : ROAD, WEST BY : PRIVATE PROPERTY, NORTH BY : HOUSE SITE NO. 15, SOLD TO GEORGE NINAN, and SOUTH BY : HOUSE SITE NO.13.

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DATE:05/12/2025

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Advocate & Notary
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KARNATAKA STATE ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION
Central Offices, Stores and Purchase Dept, K.H. Road, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru-560 027

NOTICE INVITING TENDER NO 08 Dated: 05/12/2025

Tenders (Pre-qualification and or (Commercial offers) through e-procurement portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** are invited for supply of the following Goods/Services/ Equipment:

Tender Nos. as per E-portal	Nomenclature of Items/ Services/ Equipment	Tender Value in Crores Rs. (Approx)	Last date for submission of tender @ 17:00 Hrs.
KSRTC/2025-26/IND0242	Procurement of Automotive Lubricants	5.13	06/01/2026
KSRTC/2025-26/IND0243	Procurement of Automotive Grease	2.62	06/01/2026
KSRTC/2025-26/IND0244	Procurement of Fire Extinguishers	0.20	06/01/2026
KSRTC/2025-26/IND0246	Supply, Installation & commissioning of 24 volt, 1.5 KVA Inverter on turnkey basis	0.12	06/01/2026
KSRTC/2025-26/IND0248	Procurement of Eco friendly Industrial Degreaser for Engine Block Head	0.28	06/01/2026
KSRTC/2025-26/IND0249	Supply, Installation & Commissioning of Welding Machines on turnkey basis	0.12	06/01/2026
KSRTC/2025-26/IND0250	Procurement of print & Cut Eco solvent inkjet Flex printer, lamination machine & personal computer	0.20	06/01/2026
KSRTC/2025-26/IND0251	Procurement of Spring Clamps	0.48	06/01/2026
KSRTC/2025-26/IND0252	Procurement of Wiper Motor and Assemblies	3.00	06/01/2026
KSRTC/2025-26/IND0253	Procurement of Jumbo thermal paper Rolls for ETM	6.60	06/01/2026
KSRTC/2025-26/IND0254	Procurement of M S Angles and Flats	0.49	06/01/2026
KSRTC/2025-26/IND0255	Procurement of Fasteners	2.00	06/01/2026
KSRTC/2025-26/IND0256	Procurement of Propeller Shaft and Components	3.50	06/01/2026
KSRTC/2025-26/IND0257	Procurement of Weigh Bridge	0.25	06/01/2026
	SHORT TERM TENDER		
KSRTC/2025-26/IND0245	Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Motion based Bus Driving simulator	3.00	18/12/2025
KSRTC/2025-26/IND0247	Selection of Vendor for Supply and Maintenance of AIS-140 compliance devices for KSRTC Buses and Establishment of Command Control Centre Under the scheme "Central Assistance for strengthening Public Transport System in the Country" funded by Morth, GOI.	27.52	20/12/2025

Further any addendum /corrigendum in respect of change in calendar of events, specification, scope of work, other tender terms and conditions etc, will be uploaded/ published through e-portal only.

NOTE:- Interested suppliers need to register in the e-procurement portal. For further information log into **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** In case of further assistance, contact e-procurement cell (Phone. No. 080-46010000/080-68948777). Interested bidders may also contact e-procurement cell for training on bid submission. Mail to **support@eprochelpdesk.com** for further information if required. In case of bidders need assistance from KSRTC, can communicate at **cosp@ksrtc.org**, (Contact: 7760990225, 7760990224).

Sd/-
Controller of Stores & Purchases
(Tender Inviting Authority)

DIPR/CP/JA/4250/2025-26

KOLKATA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION e-TENDER

ABRIDGED NIT

The **Director General, P&D Department, KMC** invites online e-tender/quotation expression of interest of lower bidder for the following work :

NIT No. : KMC/D.G.(P_D)/C/028/2025-26 (2nd Call)

Name of work : **Upgradation and refurbishment of brick sewer by desilting and GRP lining along Elliot Road & Royd Street, Rafi Ahmed Kidwai Road, Nirmal Chandra Street under Br-V, VI and VII within KMC area.** Estimated Value: **Tender amount to be quoted by the bidder**. Earnest Money: **Rs. 10,00,000.00 (Rupees Ten Lakh) (The balance amount of earnest money fall short of 2% of quoted tendered amount will be deposited by the successful bidder in the form of demand draft in favour of "The Kolkata Municipal Corporation")**. Period of Completion: **36 Months**. Pre-bid meeting (Date & Time) : **11.12.2025 (12 noon).** Place of Pre-bid meeting: **Office of the Director General, P&D Department, KMC, 19, Nellie Sengupta Sarani, Kolkata 700087.** Bid submission start date (online) : **17.12.2025 (11.30 a.m.).** Last date and time of submission of bid : **13.01.2026 (11.30 a.m.).** Bid opening date for technical proposals (online) : **15.01.2026 (1 p.m.)** The bid forms and other details are available on and from **06.12.2025 (11.30 a.m.)** from the website **https://wbtenders.gov.in**

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BENGALURU EAST CITY CORPORATION
Office of the Executive Engineer, K.R. Pura Division, Zone-2, Old Madras Road, K.R. Pura, Bengaluru - 560036.

No:BECC/EE/KRP/TN/01-Call-2/2025-26 Date: 05-12-2025

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)-(SHORT TERM)-(CALL-2)
(Two Cover System) (Through GOK KPP Portal only)

The Executive Engineer, K.R. Pura Division, BECC, Bengaluru invites Item Rate Tenders from eligible Tenderers registered in BBMP / CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES / any State or Central Government Organization for the Work detailed below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work
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Marked for life

Acid attack victims deserve better from courts and law enforcement

Shocked that an acid attack victim had not got closure 16 years after the crime was committed, the Supreme Court of India made a slew of oral observations early this week calling the slow pace a "mockery of the system". The Chief Justice of India (CJI), Justice Surya Kant, said acid attackers must not be shown any sympathy by courts, and called for the "entire system" to respond against them. Shaheen Malik was 26 and was studying for an MBA degree when she was attacked outside her office in Haryana in 2009. Till 2013, "nothing happened" in her case, she told the CJI. The case was finally transferred to Rohini court in Delhi from Haryana, where the trial is pending and "final arguments" are on. Ms. Malik has undergone reconstructive surgeries, and in 2021, she set up Brave Souls, an NGO which offers medical and legal support to acid attack survivors. In fact, she was knocking at the Court's door with a PIL seeking formal recognition of survivors as persons with specified disabilities under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016. She was bringing the Court's notice to those acid attack victims who had been forcibly fed acid and were not marked for life like others who had acid thrown at them but nevertheless lived with terrible suffering.

The CJI asked the Centre to consider bringing an ordinance. Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Centre, said no respondent could oppose the cause of the petitioners. Perpetrators of acid attacks who leave victims, mostly women and minors, scarred inside and outside for the rest of their lives "must meet with the same ruthlessness as they showed their victims", he said. The CJI ordered the Registrar-General of the High Courts to provide the number and details of pending trials in acid attack cases; he also proposed setting up of special courts to exclusively conduct acid attack cases on a day-to-day basis. In the past, in *Laxmi vs Union Of India and Ors.*, the Court had directed the government to ensure that acid attack victims got proper treatment, aftercare and rehabilitation, also asking it to look into the banning of sale of acid across the counter. Section 124 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita deals with acid attacks and the punishment to be meted out, but reality paints a grim picture, with trials being long-drawn and conviction rates low. According to latest National Crime Records Bureau data, there were 207 incidents of acid attacks across the country in 2023, with West Bengal ignominiously topping the list with 57 cases, followed by Uttar Pradesh (31). Victims of acid attacks, one of the worst forms of gender violence imaginable, deserve a lot better.

Deal without peace

Trump's announcement of the accord between Congo, Rwanda is premature

President Donald Trump counts the crisis in Congo as among the conflicts he has helped resolve. On December 4, he hosted the leaders of Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of Congo in Washington for the signing of a formal peace agreement, which endorsed an earlier deal concluded by the Foreign Ministers of both countries. Mr. Trump hailed the accord as a "historic" step towards bringing prosperity to Africa, while Congolese President Félix Tshisekedi and his Rwandan counterpart Paul Kagame, who had frequently exchanged insults, praised his mediation. Mr. Trump also promised American investments in the resource-rich Congo if peace holds. On Thursday, he said he would send "our biggest and greatest companies over to the two countries", adding that "we are going to take some of the rare earth, take out some of the assets and pay ... and everybody is going to make a lot of money". But beyond the grandiosity of the ceremony, the situation remains complex and violent, with fighting continuing to rage in eastern Congo between Congolese forces and the M23 rebels. Under the agreement, Rwanda wants Congo to disarm the Hutu militias operating from its territory, while Congo wants Rwanda to withdraw troops from the east. Ultimately, however, the success of the deal hinges on securing peace between the Congolese government and M23.

The crisis in Congo can be traced back to the 1994 Rwandan genocide in which about 8,00,000 people, mostly Tutsis, were massacred by ethnic Hutu militias. After the genocidal regime in Kigali fell, thousands of Hutus fled to Congo in the mid-1990s. Rwanda now claims that some of the militias that took part in the genocide continue to operate from Congolese territory. M23, which takes its name from a failed peace agreement signed between a Tutsi-led rebel group and the Congolese government on March 23, 2009, says it is fighting to protect the rights of Congo's Tutsi ethnic minority. The Congo and UN experts say neighbouring Rwanda, ruled by a Tutsi-led government, is backing M23. In 2012, shortly after its formation, M23 seized much of Goma in eastern Congo, but withdrew when Rwanda came under international pressure. It started another rebellion in 2021, capturing Goma again and expanding its reach. Alongside the U.S.-brokered talks between the Congo and Rwanda, a parallel dialogue between M23 and Kinshasa, facilitated by Qatar, is also under way. Congo wants M23 to withdraw from the eastern regions it controls, but the rebels have shown little interest in doing so. Mr. Trump's declaration that he brought the war to an end appears premature, given the complexity of the crisis. For peace, the wounds of the genocide must be healed, inter-racial relations between Hutus and Tutsis improved, non-state militias disarmed and ties between Rwanda and the Congo stabilised.

A growing shadow over digital constitutionalism

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In an unprecedented move, the central government revoked its order to mobile phone manufacturers to install 'Sanchar Saathi', a government app, from 2026. The rollback came in 48 hours following widespread concerns raised by most stakeholders about ambiguous data collection methods, the lack of consent, surveillance and unlimited data storage. Reuters broke the story and Apple refused to implement the policy.

These foreign entities may have played some sort of a backstage role as the government cannot afford to lose Apple and its manufacturing in India. Although the government's move to have the app installed was apparently aimed as a safety measure – cybercrimes increased from 15.9 lakh cases in 2023 to 20.4 lakh in 2024 – to help mobile users and the police, legitimate questions were raised during the pushback against the government's move about surveillance, state power and data misuse. These issues can be regarded as a significant step to understand the urgent need of what may be termed as digital constitutionalism.

What digital constitutionalism entails

Digital constitutionalism signifies the extension of constitutional principles such as liberty, dignity, equality including non-arbitrariness, accountability and rule of law in the digital space. These values are being threatened in the world where data collection, artificial intelligence (AI) and surveillance technologies take the lead. Modern governance is becoming an invisible system, whether it is biometric databases, predictive algorithms or both. In the absence of strong constitutional protection within these systems, humans are likely to be exposed to abuse of authority.

Everyday life is now being influenced by digital governance. Automated processes mediate Know Your Customer (KYC) verification, welfare distribution, job applications, health-care records, and even political expression in social media. These technologies tend to operate without any significant revelation or approval from people.

Consequently, the concentration of power takes place in the hands of tech designers, law enforcement agencies and private companies. This generates an unequal state where the citizens are passive data subjects but not active right-holders as they are supposed to be in liberal democracies.

There has also been a worrisome development in surveillance which even George Orwell could not imagine in the celebrated and futuristic *1984*. It has ceased to be visible and immediate. These days it is being performed with the help of metadata gathering, location tracing, biometric identification, behavioural modelling and predictive analytics.

This kind of silent and constant surveillance can chill free speech, discourage dissent and disrupt democracies. People start censoring themselves when they are aware that they are under observation. Self-censorship is the new normal. The right to privacy is now considered to be one of the basic rights in India. This was affirmed in *Justice K.S. Puttaswamy (Retd.) And Anr. vs Union of India And Ors.* (2017) by the Supreme Court of India. More recently, the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023, was passed by Parliament. Although it was supposed to safeguard the data of the citizens, the law has some significant flaws. It gives broad exemption to the government, is not well overseen by the independent body, and has weak remedies for individuals. It places administrative convenience and national security over individual autonomy and dignity, rendering it inadequate as a constitutional protection.

Constitutional principles are under threat in a world where data collection, artificial intelligence and surveillance technologies are taking the lead

Efficiency but less personal control

Data-fication has entered every sector. Banks rely on behavioural analytics. Hospitals and insurance agencies depend on digital medical records. Education is delivered through online platforms. Social media do profile users constantly. These developments create efficiency, yet they also reduce personal control over information. Consent has become a routine "click-through" process, not a genuine voluntary choice. Purpose limitation is often ignored. Consequently, privacy loss is no longer just about isolated breaches. It is about the gradual erasure of personal control over identity and decision-making.

Surveillance technologies now form part of public places. Closed circuit cameras, biometric scanners and digital identifiers constantly monitor people. Accordingly, facial recognition has been prohibited or severely limited in a few cities in the United States because of racial discrimination, surveillance and false identification. Facial recognition misidentification has led to wrongful arrests abroad. Digi Yatra data (at Indian airports) too is not with the government. Research has found that these systems at times adversely work against people of colour, women, and minority groups. Thus, facial recognition technology basically leads to discrimination rather than assisting crime prevention which like Sanchar Saathi, is its stated objective.

While such technologies are still growing and are being used in India. There is no comprehensive law on surveillance. There is a lack of effective judicial control. Transparency is rare. This poses a serious disproportion between authority and responsibility. Unchecked surveillance may end up transforming a democratic state into a monitoring state like Big Brother.

Algorithms determine who receives welfare, is profiled by police, has their content removed, and who gets a job or a loan application shortlisted. Such systems are commonly known as black boxes as their decision-making functions are obscure. In cases when a benefit is not provided to a person, or a person is suspected, there is no explanation. It also lacks a clear-cut mechanism of appeal.

There are real consequences. Algorithmic failures have excluded deserving families from welfare schemes. Automated content moderation has silenced legitimate voices. Indeed, technology can quietly violate the constitutional principles of equality, reasonableness and natural justice.

An inadequate legal system

The legal system that is in place in India, including the Information Technology Act, 2000, and emerging digital laws, is mainly aimed at controlling technology and governing platforms. It is not doing enough to defend citizen's liberties in general and privacy in particular. Few guidelines have been provided by courts, but these are disjointed and provisional. When it comes to high-risk algorithms and surveillance orders, there is no external institution with the ability to audit them or even review them. To the majority of tech-savvy citizens, remedies are slow and expensive and unreachable. Masses are unaware of dangers.

This gives rise to a paradox in the constitution. Rights, freedoms and state power are now being shaped by the digital system, just like the government institutions. These are not, however, subjected to constitutional discipline. This is an incongruity that undermines democracy.

To find the appropriate model of digital constitutionalism, it will have to be more than being merely theoretical. It should develop institutional protection. Violations should be inquired into by creating an independent digital rights commission that will ensure accountability. The law should restrict surveillance except in grave situations of national security, which can be determined by necessity and proportionality. Public transparency reports and parliamentary scrutiny, and judicial warrants must be obligatory.

Risky AI devices should be audited and bias-tested on a regular basis. Citizens should be granted the right to explanation and the right to appeal to the automated decisions. The tight control of purpose, limited collection and severe punishment of abuse should be reinforced to ensure better data protection.

Digital literacy too is to be considered as a constitutional empowerment. Individuals should be in a position to criticise, challenge and oppose digital power structures. Rights are mere theories without knowing.

Digital technologies have become an integral part of citizenship. They determine the availability of services, political participation and even identity. With governance increasingly being more data-driven, constitutional values should be used as the starting point for this shift. Freedom, equality and privacy are too precious to be among the mute victims of efficiency. Digital constitutionalism is not just a change in law. It is the defence of the democratic era in the algorithmic era. It is a promise to make sure that technology is a servant of the people and not their silent authoritarian master.

Chile's lesson for India's coal conundrum

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Despite dramatic gains in renewable energy, India dropped 13 places to 23rd in the Climate Change Performance Index released during COP30 in Brazil in November 2025. The main reason is the lack of progress to phase out coal. Coal presents a conundrum of the worst kind because its phaseout presents a loss of jobs and the supply of low-cost electricity in some States, while the current trajectory means the loss of lives and livelihoods from runaway global warming and air pollution. This trade-off draws attention to Chile's experience in tackling it.

A comparison

The big Indian picture is that coal, as a source of the use of all energy, makes up over half while renewables (solar, wind, hydro, nuclear) are still a minority share. At the same time, the good news is that India doubled clean energy capacity during 2021-25. Now, the share of renewables in total installed power capacity is one half, although only one-fifth of electricity was actually generated using them in 2024, with coal contributing 75% of electricity generation. What is more, India is increasing domestic production of coal.

In comparison, coal's share of Chile's electricity generation fell from 43.6% to 17.5% during 2016-24. Today, renewables (especially wind and solar) make up over 60% of the country's power mix. This shift was driven by decisive government actions, first by a 2014 tax of $5 a tonne of carbon emissions. The government imposed stringent emission standards on coal plants, raising construction and compliance costs by 30%. Competitive auctions for wind and solar power helped push renewables. Chile has also aggressively built out energy storage systems to stabilise the grid, and committed to phase out all coal by 2040. All this makes the case that even economies with coal dependence can accelerate a transition. That said, coal occupies a smaller share of Chile's energy when compared to India, giving it fewer plants to shut down and a smaller dependent workforce. The transition was also enabled by a political environment that allowed swift, market reforms following privatisation of key sectors.

India needs to draw up a plan to exit the use of coal and in this, Chile's experience can help

Crucially, Chile had already begun developing alternative industries, particularly in renewables, creating pathways to absorb displaced workers and capital. In contrast, India's far deeper coal dependence and limited economic alternatives in coal regions make its transition more complex. Many districts in Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Odisha and West Bengal could face social risks from abrupt closures.

But it is worth remembering that coal phaseout constitutes a "no regrets" policy. That is to say it is part of averting the damage from climate change. One estimate is that by 2100, climate change would sap 3%-10% of India's GDP through heat stress and declining labour productivity. It is also part of stopping massive health damage: by one estimate, a one GW increase in coal-fired capacity corresponds to a 14% increase in infant mortality rates in districts near the plant site.

Focus on decarbonisation

Considering this socio-ecological calculus, the eye needs to be squarely on decarbonisation which calls for a systematic removal of the oldest and most polluting plants, cancellation of new coal approvals, and replacement of coal output with firm renewable power backed by storage. It is important to have timelines for plant retirements and closures. TERI has suggested that India could phase out coal power entirely by 2050 to meet its net zero goals. In the transition to this target, there could be an incremental scaling down of coal, improved efficiency and decommissioning. Three sets of action aid this central thrust of a coal phaseout.

First, the more the limitations of renewables are tackled, the better for the moving out of coal. The effort would also be aided by a drive to electrify transport, industry and households.

Second, underpinning this physical transition would be the reform of markets and regulation to disincentivise coal, for example through carbon pricing, removal of coal subsidies, clean dispatch rules and power procurement contracts that favour renewables.

Third, Chile's experience also speaks to providing robust support for workers through reskilling and alternative livelihoods. A dedicated transition fund is essential, such as the "Green Energy Transition India Fund" proposed by the Inter-Ministerial Committee.

The issue of finance

Financing the transition will benefit from a blended model of public and private capital, where government support is directed toward community welfare and workforce reskilling, while private investors lead the expansion of clean energy infrastructure. The District Mineral Foundation corpus can be strategically used to foster entrepreneurship and economic diversification in coal-dependent regions.

Considering the high stakes, a phaseout of coal needs to become a top political priority. Renewable energy gains show tremendous promise, but without an actionable plan to replace coal, climate ambitions would remain hollow. The time has come for a coal exit road map, one that enshrines delivery timelines, financing of social protection, market reform, and learning from peers such as Chile.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Politics and the Putin visit

The decision to 'stop' the Opposition from meeting Russian President Vladimir Putin is deeply troubling. The Opposition represents a sizable percentage of India's citizens, and denying representatives of the Opposition a seat at the high table is the equivalent of disrespecting the citizens of almost half the country. Allowing two TV anchors from a private media channel to interview Mr. Putin sends the wrong signal — that our democracy values select media voices over elected representatives. Indian foreign policy has always been one of team effort, built on consensus between the government and the Opposition. It should never be reduced to a one-party show. The Government must remember that foreign policy is not about political rivalry but national interest.

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I hope that India is able to prevail upon Mr. Putin and convey to him the dire need to end the war with Ukraine. The red carpet welcome given to Mr. Putin clearly points to the high regard India has for Russia. but it is also important that a humanitarian point of view needs to be conveyed and the suffering ends.

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On the margins

It comes as no surprise that "International Fisherwomen's Day" (Opinion page – 'Notebook', December 5) did not garner much support. In a practically male-dominated society, the voices of women hardly reach those who matter in the corridors of power. Fisherwomen have never been given their due. Nevertheless, awareness is vital and the contributions of women in every field must be recognised.

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GROUND ZERO

Workers offload raw cotton at a ginning mill near Surendranagar, Gujarat. VIJAY SONEJI

Where cotton clouds hang heavy

Following heavy rainfall in October and the subsequent drop in the price of cotton, six farmers have died by suicide in Gujarat. The Union government's decision to allow duty-free cotton imports has only added to their woes. **A.M. Jigeesh** reports on how farmers in Gujarat's cotton belt are calling for government intervention

Trigger warning: This article has references to suicide. Please avoid reading if you are distressed by the subject.

A month ago, in Revaniya, less than 100 kilometres from the industrial hub of Rajkot in Gujarat, villagers woke up to the news of the suicide of a 60-year-old farmer, Dhanabhai Jadav.

Dhanabhai's son, Bharat Jadav, 28, is yet to come to terms with the loss. Standing in front of his one-room hut, Bharat, who had a son recently, explained that Dhanabhai faced two problems: "First, the rate of cotton was going very low, to ₹1,200-1,300 per *mann* (about 20 kilogrammes). Second, the non-seasonal and excess rains of October 25 damaged crops, just ahead of the harvest. He could not come to terms with the fact that prices and production would be low."

After conducting an aerial survey of the affected districts, Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel announced a relief and assistance package of approximately ₹10,000 crore for the losses and said the State government would purchase groundnuts, *moong*, *urad*, and soybean worth over ₹15,000 crore from farmers at support prices from November 9.

Bharat said his family is yet to get any compensation. "No one from the government came here. We did not get any compensation," he said.

The family was working hard to make both ends meet, he added. "We hope that the crops of cotton, pulses, and peanuts in the seven *bighas* (about 4.3 hectares) of land we own will help us repay loans," he said.

Rajubhai, a friend of Dhanabhai, has not visited his friend's farm since his death. "I used to see him working tirelessly every day. All of us worked to make a living. If cotton failed, we tried growing peanuts. If peanut failed, we would try pulses. If that too failed, we would cultivate vegetables," he said, while walking to his friend's house across a mud road, away from the village centre. "This year, the damage was unprecedented and the decline in prices was unexpected. But I didn't think that he would take such an extreme step. I wanted to tell him, 'let us try chana dal (chickpea) next time.' But it was too late."

Following the rains of October 25, farmer organisations say six farmers have died by suicide in Gujarat. "Four of them were cotton farmers," said Dayabhai Gajera, a leader of the All India Kisan Sabha, a peasant organisation that claims to have 1.5 lakh members. While the government has said it has offered compensation and assistance to the farmers, the Opposition has said the government ignored the deaths.

The deaths occurred in the Saurashtra region, famous for production of cotton, groundnuts, and pulses. The farmers are now staring at a crisis, as free entry of imported cotton has further reduced prices.

Problem of importing cotton

According to the Commerce Ministry, India imported cotton (raw and waste) worth ₹2,069.12 in October this year, which is almost twice as much as it imported last October (₹1,073.08 crore). Though India is the world's second-largest cotton producer after China, the textile industry has been pushing for cotton imports, largely because countries such as the United States, China, and Brazil offer cheaper cotton. The industry, spread across the country, is India's second-largest employer after agriculture.

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> **SAGAR CHANDRESH BHAI PATEL**
> Entrepreneur

Farm leaders, traders, and ginning millers in Gujarat say this year's decrease in prices has been caused not just by rains, but also the import of raw cotton. "Last year, we got about ₹1,500 for a *mann* of cotton. As soon as the import tariffs were waived off, the amount decreased to ₹1,200-1,300," said Gajera.

On August 19, the Union government exempted all customs duties on the import of raw cotton until September 30. It stated in a press release that the measure would bring relief to manufacturers and consumers. On August 28, the government further extended the import duty exemption until December 31.

"The decision, notified by the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs, is expected to stabilise the input costs across the textile value chain, including yarn, fabric, garments, providing relief to manufacturers and consumers alike. This strategic intervention ensures that the textile sector remains globally competitive while safeguarding the interests of domestic cotton farmers," the government said in a press release.

The government claimed that farmers' interests are safeguarded through the Minimum Support Price (MSP) mechanism operated by the Cotton Corporation of India Ltd. (CCI), which ensures that farmers receive at least 50% above their cost of production.

"Imported cotton often caters to specialised industrial requirements and does not substitute domestic cotton," the government explained in a press release. "Most imports occur during lean periods or when domestic stocks are insufficient, which minimises competition with peak domestic procurement periods. The government monitors cotton prices closely and retains the flexibility to impose safeguards as and when required."

According to the Textiles Ministry, the provisional acreage of cotton for 2024-25 is 114.47 lakh ha. This is a decrease of about 1.2 million hectares compared to the acreage of 2023-24 (126.88 lakh ha). The government, however, expects that the yield will be similar to last season's, of about 437 kg per ha.

The farmers claim otherwise. Ramkubhai Karpada, a farmers' leader in Surendranagar, says cotton prices have remained the same for almost 13 years. "In 2012, the rate of cotton was ₹1,500 for a *mann* in the open market. The input cost was much lower then (at least ₹200 less for a bag of cotton seeds and ₹300 less for pesticides). Now the price of cotton is lower and the input costs are high. Hybrid seeds can cost between ₹850 and ₹4,500," he said.

Workers at a ginning mill near Surendranagar, Gujarat. VIJAY SONEJI

The MSP announced by the government is ₹7,710 for a quintal of cotton. Farmers argue that they get just about ₹4,500-6,000 for a quintal, which is almost half of the MSP. According to the government, only 34.04% of the cotton was procured under MSP operations in last year.

There are other logistics issues that worry farmers. Karpada said Surendranagar is one of the biggest production hubs of cotton. "But this district does not have a proper market or market yard under the Agricultural Produce and Livestock Market Committee (APMC). Farmers have to go to nearby districts to sell their produce. Farmers have been demanding a proper procurement system in the State. They are not getting the input prices. From top to bottom, the APMC system has been corrupted by a few influential traders. They deny prices to farmers on flimsy technical issues," Karpada said.

The Opposition Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) has announced a series of protests, including mahapanchayats of farmers in each district of Gujarat. Mayur Sakariya is the president of the AAP's farmers' wing in Surendranagar. He also organises farmers in the nearby Botad district, also part of the Saurashtra region. "No farmer is getting MSP in this season. The government should have ensured procurement of cotton by the CCI under MSP. The fact is that the price has not increased in the last 13-14 years. That was why six farmers died by suicide," he said.

A double blow

Farm leaders argue that cultivation has come down because of stagnation in the prices of cotton in open markets. "But the input costs are increasing. Why then should a farmer cultivate cotton? They are either shifting to peanut or pulses or not sowing anything at all," Sakariya said, adding that the government's decision to waive off import duties was a blow.

"This was done due to the pressure from U.S. President Donald Trump. Industry can now easily import cotton from the U.S., Pakistan, Brazil, and China. They are not buying cotton from Botad, but from abroad. It will be a double blow for farmers and MSMEs," said Sakariya, who has cultivated cotton in 36 *bighas* of land.

Sakariya is at a district session court in Botad. He has come to meet about 80 farmers who are in various jails in Gujarat for protesting against the alleged corruption in APMC markets. He explained that farmers were not getting adequate price support and faced a decrease of ₹25 to ₹100 per *mann*. Sakariya said the farmers decided to hold protests in Botad on October 10, which was followed by a mahapanchayat after two days.

"Some miscreants attacked the gathering. Instead of arresting the miscreants, the police arrested 84 farmers on non-bailable charges. Only six farmers have got bail as of November 26. Several farmers were injured as they were attacked by the goons and lathi-charged by the police," he said, adding that all of them are cotton farmers.

Industries also agree that the imports from the U.S. have increased. "Yes, there is a measurable increase in U.S. cotton exports to India, after the removal of import duty restrictions. The duty cut is one likely factor among others (supply shortfall and trade shifts are others)," said Mukesh Kansal, Chairperson, CTA Apparels.

Need to increase yield

Sagar Chandreshbhai Patel, a young entrepreneur, has been running his family's ginning mill for the last 12 years. His mill, Ambika Cotton industries, was started by his uncles 26 years ago. A postgraduate in international business management, he joined his uncles after his studies.

"The youth does not like this work. There is more field work. We need to check every vehicle that brings cotton from farms – to ensure that the quality of cotton is good," he said, adding that decrease in production of cotton is because of the low quality of cotton seeds used in Gujarat.

Patel, a farmer, is also widely travelled. He has attended global seminars and workshops on the industry. "Other countries have fifth or sixth generation of BT cotton seeds. Their per acreage yield is much higher than ours. We need to increase our yield. Only then will we be able to sell at an international rate. Indian cotton is the most expensive in the market. The prices are high because of low yield," he said.

According to him, the problem has become severe in the last 5-6 years. "New seeds should be approved on an urgent basis. There is a price cap on sale of cotton seeds, as per the Cotton Seed Price (Control) Order, 2015. So we are not getting good seeds. Farmers are ready to pay more if there are good quality seeds that give higher yield. In one *bigha*, we get 12-15 *mann* cotton. In Brazil farmers, get 60-70 *mann*," he said.

His factory processes 36,000 metric tonnes of cotton in a year. He increased processing after taking over the business. "Earlier, this area had 20 factories, but now only five factories are working. My products go to spinning mills in Gujarat and other States. We used to export to Bangladesh, but for the last three years, we have not been exporting there as our price is not competitive," he said.

He is concerned about the duty-free import of cotton. "If imports increase, spinning mills will benefit, but ginning mills will suffer. Usually in the months of November and December, spinning mills buy from us. Now, they are taking imported cotton. Our product has not moved from godowns," he said.

Patel emphasised that farmers and ginning mills are facing a crisis. "Our production is coming down. We have given representations to government that the import duty should not be waived off beyond October 31. But it was not heeded. Some 70% of the ginning families in the State have closed down," he said. Patel chose this industry but says none of his cousins did.

Moving to traditional cotton

Farmers are shifting from BT cotton to the traditional cotton seed, *kala kapas*, to reduce input costs. Rana Kripal, a farmer from Sadad, Surendra Nagar, believes that organic farming of *kala kapas* will help farmers resist imported cotton. "It doesn't need pesticides and needs very little water. The input cost is lower and sometimes it gives more yield than BT cotton. The harvest will take another two months compared to the hybrid varieties. Two of my brothers also use this seed. Non-seasonal monsoons do not impact this variety. In this village, most people cultivate this variety," he said.

According to him, traditional varieties resist pink bollworm, a major menace, as well. "People shifted to BT cotton as irrigation improved. Now people are shifting back to this variety. For 1 *bigha*, if it is BT cotton, the cost is ₹50,000. For this, it is about ₹30,000-35,000," he said.

Gajera added that for the last 4-5 years, farmers are facing severe losses. He said the State government had last year estimated cotton production of 1 crore bales. This year, it is about 78 lakh bales. "The actual production will be around 65 lakh bales, much less than the target production. The government announced compensation for the deaths, but did not say anything about suicides," he said.

Cotton is an emotional crop, added Gajera. "BT cotton provides more yield. But it is more vulnerable to diseases and fluctuations in climate. The seeds production is controlled by big private companies. There is no control on them. The new Seeds Bill draft will help these companies. The government is leading farmers to an age of darkness. Our future is uncertain," he said.

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India-Russia friendship steady as pole star: PM

In his remarks, the Prime Minister referred to "energy security" as a "strong and vital pillar of the India-Russia partnership". Since the beginning of the conflict in Ukraine, "India has consistently advocated for peace, with regards to the situation in Ukraine," he added.

Ahead of the press statements by Mr. Modi and Mr. Putin, the Russian President's special envoy, Kirill Dmitriev, told the media that "British and European press is going hysterical trying to disrupt the U.S.-Russia negotiation". In an oblique reference to an article recently published in an Indian newspaper that was jointly authored by the French, British, and German envoys to India, Mr. Dmitriev said, "We know the British empire does not exist any more but attempts to disrupt [the Russia-U.S.] peace negotiation through the use of the media is still continuing."

Referring to the Kudankulam power plant as the "largest nuclear reactor of India", Mr. Putin announced that Russia is also willing to collaborate with India for small modular nuclear reactors.

He described India and Russia as countries that both follow an "independent foreign policy" that calls for a "more just, democratic multipolar world order and respect for sovereignty".

The two sides signed sixteen MoUs covering areas such as the mobility of semi-skilled workers, fertilizers, media, and academic collaboration.

Cheaper loans likely as repo rate cut by 25 bps

The marginal standing facility (MSF) rate and the bank rate will be adjusted to 5.5%. The MPC also decided to continue with the neutral stance indicating rates may go up or reduce further.

On the rationale for the decisions of the MPC, Mr. Malhotra, in the Governor's statement, said: "The MPC noted that headline inflation has eased significantly and is likely to be softer than the earlier projections, primarily on account of the exceptionally benign food prices."

"The underlying inflation pressures are even lower as the impact of increase in price of precious metals is about 50 basis points (bps). Growth, while remaining resilient, is expected to soften somewhat. Thus, the growth-inflation balance, especially the benign inflation outlook on both headline and core, continues to provide the policy space to support the growth momentum," he said.

The Governor said since the October policy, the Indian economy had witnessed rapid disinflation.

"For the first time since the adoption of flexible inflation targeting (FIT), average headline inflation for a quarter at 1.7% in Q2:2025-26, breached the lower tolerance threshold (2%) of the inflation target (4%). It dipped further to a mere 0.3% in October 2025," he said. "On the other hand, with real GDP growth accelerating to 8.2% in Q2, buoyed by strong spending during the festive season which was further facilitated by the rationalisation of the GST rates. Inflation at a benign 2.2% and growth at 8% in H1:2025-26 present a rare goldilocks period," he emphasised.

IndiGo exempt from new night duty rules

"This exemption has been granted solely to facilitate operational stabilisation and in no way amounts to dilution of safety requirements," a press statement issued by the Ministry of Civil Aviation said.

During this period, the DGCA will review steps taken by IndiGo to address the situation, including hiring of adequate crew to comply with the revised norms. A four-member panel has also been constituted to inquire into the reasons for this massive disruption.

As airfares on flights from other airlines skyrocketed, SpiceJet added seven flights on Friday to destinations like Mumbai, Bengaluru and Kolkata and 17 flights on Saturday.

Centre to streamline public communications

In August 2016, two posts were added at apex grade, five at higher administrative grade, and 19 at senior administrative grade with matching reduction at other levels.

In another move, the government may establish a Board on media communications, which could also be entrusted with the responsibility of overseeing decisions related to transfers and postings. "A series of measures have been taken over the past few weeks with a strong emphasis on ensuring a coherent and unified approach to communications, a requirement that was felt in the government acutely during Operation Sindoor," said an official.

Previously, IIS officials have been posted abroad as correspondents for the public broadcaster, Prasar Bharati. Officials say there are now plans to create posts at more than 40 Embassies to further strengthen the government's communications mechanism overseas, as part of outreach programmes for key initiatives or events, including those with international implications.

Path paved to link India's skill base with Russia's demand for labourers

Moscow is reported to need 5,00,000 semi-skilled workers; to enhance people-to-people ties, Modi announces gratis grant of 30-day e-tourist visa and group tourist visa to Russian nationals

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Russian President Vladimir Putin witness an exchange of an MoU by External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and Russian Health Minister Mikhail Murashko in New Delhi. ANI

India and Russia on Friday signed two agreements that will enhance mobility of Indian semi-skilled and skilled workers to Russia as official sources indicated that New Delhi will increasingly utilise India's "strength" in the category of "semi-skilled workers" in the coming years.

A list of outcomes after the 23rd India-Russia annual summit said a pact was signed between the two sides on "Temporary labour activity of citizens of one state in the territory of the other state" and a second agreement between the two governments on "Cooperation in combating irregular migration".

An official said that the mobility agreements will provide a framework for employment of Indian workers in Russia and ensure that they do not face difficulties met by Indians who were fraudulently lured by agents to fight for the Russian armed forces in Ukraine during the past three years.

"Mobility agreements will help us to know where our global job-seekers are going," said a source.

In a briefing, Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri said that the issue of Indian men fighting for Russian armed forces featured during the talks.

The Hindu had earlier reported that there is a demand for half-a-million semi-skilled workers in Russia, which is one of the factors that is propelling Moscow to reach out to friendly countries. The issue of mobility featured prominently in a speech delivered by External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar at a conclave of *India's World* magazine on December 3, when he said that the Government of India wishes to be an "enabler" of mobility through "formal arrangements".

Media ties

India and Russia on Friday also signed agreements on media and academic collaboration.

Marking a new turn in media collaboration, Mr. Putin attended a special event here to launch the Indian edition of Russian state English broadcaster Russia Today. Russia Today earlier launched an Arabic edition and the channel's Indian version will be its second international foray.

To enhance people-to-people contacts, Mr. Modi announced the gratis grant of 30 days e-tourist visa to Russian nationals on a reciprocal basis and the gratis grant of group tourist visa to Russian nationals.

Delhi, Moscow look to raise Arctic and nuclear cooperation

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NEW DELHI

India and Russia committed to "regular bilateral consultations" on "Arctic-related issues" and welcomed the progress made in multi-faceted bilateral cooperation on the Northern Sea route, according to a joint statement following the India-Russia summit on Friday.

India has had a scientific interest in the Arctic region predating its existence as an independent country, when the British government signed the Svalbard Treaty in 1920. While this granted Norway sovereignty over the Svalbard archipelago, it also permits citizens and companies from 48 signatory nations equal rights to conduct non-military, commercial, and scientific activities like fishing, and mining.

India and Russia also committed to broadening cooperation in the nuclear energy sector, including fuel cycle and lifecycle support to operate the Kudankulam nuclear power plant, constructing the remaining nuclear power units at the site as well as timelines for supplies of equipment and fuel.

The countries also agreed to have "further discussion" on another nuclear plant, with India saying that it will "strive to" allot a second site in line with earlier signed agreements. The two countries also agreed to accelerate technical and commercial discussions on the VVER (Vodo-Vodyanoi Energetichesky Reaktor) Russian nuclear reactors for design, research, and joint development of nuclear plants.

Both countries also welcomed the "enhanced partnership" between the Indian Space Research Organisation and the Russian state-owned space corporation Roscosmos in the use of outer space for peaceful purposes.

Russia ships fuel for Kudankulam's third reactor

TIRUNELVELI

The nuclear fuel division of Russia's Rosatom, which is constructing nuclear reactors at Kudankulam in Tamil Nadu, has started delivering nuclear fuel for the initial loading of the highly advanced fuel in the Unit 3 of the Kudankulam Nuclear Power Project (KKNPP). The cargo flight carrying the fuel assemblies manufactured by Novosibirsk Chemical Concentrates Plant, an enterprise of the Rosatom's Nuclear Fuel Division in Siberia, delivered the fuel for the third reactor of KKNPP. The fuel shipments are provided under the pact signed in 2024, which includes fuel supply for units 3 and 4 of the KKNPP for the entire service life starting from the initial loading.

India, Russia agree to boost trade in national currencies

T.C.A. Sharad Raghavan
NEW DELHI

India and Russia have agreed to continue working towards enhancing the settlement of bilateral trade in the national currencies of the two countries, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Vladimir Putin said in a joint statement on Friday.

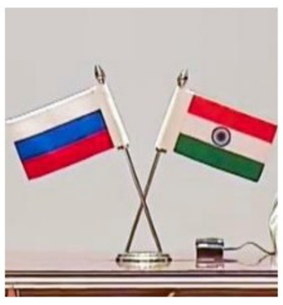
Mr. Putin is in India for a two-day visit to attend the 23rd India-Russia Annual Summit as well as to hold meetings with Mr. Modi.

"Russia and India have agreed to continue jointly developing systems of bilateral settlements through use of the national currencies in order to ensure the uninterrupted maintenance of bilateral trade," the joint statement said.

It added that the two sides have agreed to continue consultations on enabling the interoperability of the national payment systems, financial messaging systems, as well as central bank digital currency platforms.

Reducing deficits

Experts said the ongoing move towards trade in national currencies is a way for the two countries to reduce their dependence on the U.S. dollar and move towards addressing the widening trade deficit India has with Russia. "By operationalising rupee-denominated trade, we can bypass the dollar-dependency that is currently aggravating our deficit," Suketu Thanawala, partner at StraCon, a business advisory and consulting firm, said.



Expert says the current move is a way for the two countries to reduce their dependence on the U.S. dollar.

The joint statement underlined the importance of an "open, inclusive, transparent and non-discriminatory multilateral trade system with the World Trade Organization at its core".

"Both sides emphasised that addressing tariff and non-tariff trade barriers, removing bottlenecks in logistics, promoting connectivity, ensuring smooth payment mechanisms, finding mutually acceptable solutions for issues of insurance and reinsurance and regular interaction between the businesses of the two countries are among the key elements for timely achievement of the revised bilateral trade target of $100 billion by 2030," the statement said.

Target $100 billion

Speaking later in the evening at the India-Russia Business Forum, Mr. Modi said, "Last year, President Putin and I had set a target of crossing $100 billion of bilateral trade between India and Russia by 2030." "But, based on my conversations with President Putin since yesterday, and given the visible potential, I don't think we will have to wait until 2030. I can see that clearly."

Some experts say that, while the achievement of the target by 2030 is debatable, it is true that bilateral trade between the two countries is set to grow.

'Bottom-up growth'

"There may be debate as to whether $100 billion is achievable, but there is no doubt that the trade will not go back to dismal levels of $10 billion," Lydia Kulik, Head of India Studies at the SKOLKOVO School of Management, said.

She said the reasons for this confidence were two-fold: "First, a lot has been done in recent months or a couple of years in removing obstacles to trade and even more will be done, particularly towards improving the access for Indian exporters to the Russian market."

The second factor, she added, was that the development of business links between the two countries is currently taking place organically. "The interest is growing naturally from the bottom up, it is not solely happening on the top governmental level," she said.

(With inputs from Suhasini Haidar)

ED attaches assets worth ₹1,120 crore in Reliance case

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Reliance Centre, a guesthouse and some residential assets in Mumbai, apart from 231 plots of land in Chennai, are among the fresh assets worth ₹1,120 crore attached by the ED as part of its ongoing money laundering probe against the companies of Reliance Group chairman Anil Ambani.

The properties belong to Reliance Home Finance Limited (RHFL) and Reliance Commercial Finance Limited (RCFL), and the probe is linked to an alleged fraud at Yes Bank, the federal agency said in a statement on Friday.

The cumulative attachment related to the Group has now reached ₹10,117 crore.

The Group said "all real estate assets at Ballard Estate, including the Company's assets valued at Rs 397.46 crore, are held on a long-term lease from the Bombay Port Trust (BPT)".

'Appropriate action'

The company said it will take all "appropriate" action to protect the interests of its shareholders based on legal advice.

It said the majority of assets – all worth ₹10,117 crore – attached by the ED, in terms of value, pertains to Reliance Communications, a firm that has not been part of the group since 2019. "Mr. Anil D. Ambani has not served on the Board of Directors of Reliance Infrastructure Limited for more than three-and-a-half years," it said.

(With PTI inputs)

Kharge, Rahul not invited to Putin banquet: Congress

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Rahul said that the government avoids LoP meetings with foreign dignitaries out of 'insecurity'

The Congress on Friday said party president and Leader of the Opposition (LoP) in the Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge and his Lok Sabha counterpart, Rahul Gandhi, had not been invited to the official banquet hosted in honour of Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Congress general secretary (communications) Jairam Ramesh, in an X post, said speculation over whether the two LoPs had been invited could now be put to rest. "The two LoPs have not been invited," he said.

His colleague and head of the party's media department, Pawan Khera, told PTI that the government had routinely disregarded protocol.

"There is no invite for Mr. Kharge and Mr. Gandhi. This is disappointing but not surprising. This government is known for breaching protocol on a daily basis," Mr. Khera said.

On his party colleague and Lok Sabha member Shashi Tharoor accepting an invitation to the banquet, Mr. Khera said, "Ask Mr. Tharoor. If our leaders are not invited but we are, we must question our own conscience. There is politics behind who is invited and who is not, and accepting such an invitation is also questionable."

Mr. Tharoor, who chairs the Parliamentary Standing Committee on External Affairs, told reporters that the practice of inviting the Committee's chair had been discontinued for some years but appeared to have resumed. "I have been invited, yes. I will definitely go," he said.

On Mr. Kharge and Mr. Gandhi not being invited, Mr. Tharoor said he did not know on what basis the guest list was drawn up.

He recalled that earlier, invitations were extended widely across parties, including to both Leaders of the Opposition.

"It conveyed a good impression," he said, adding, "This is all done by the government, by protocol, by Rashtrapati Bhavan. I have no idea. I am honoured to have been invited."

Mr. Gandhi alleged that the government discouraged visiting foreign dignitaries from meeting the Leader of the Opposition out of "insecurity".

(With PTI inputs)

Prasar Bharati signs MoUs with Russian media bodies

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Prasar Bharati entered into memoranda of understanding with Russian media during Russian President Vladimir Putin's state visit to India, for cooperation in the field of broadcasting and information exchange.

The bodies include joint-stock company Gazprom Media Holding; National Media Group, BIG ASIA Media Group, ANO TV-Novosti, and TV BRICS.

According to a release by Gamprom Media, the deal was inked by its CEO Alexander Zharov and Prasar Bharati CEO Gaurav Dwivedi. "It is a great honour for us to sign this agreement with one of the largest and most respected broadcasters in the world," said Mr. Zharov.

Nitish Kumar finds a place in World Book of Records

Amit Bhelari
PATNA

The World Book of Records, London, on Friday officially recognised Nitish Kumar's rare achievement of becoming the first Indian to hold the post of the Chief Minister for 10 times and sent him a congratulatory note, calling it an extraordinary milestone in India's democratic history.

After winning the Bihar Assembly election on November 20, Janata Dal (United) president Mr. Kumar had taken oath as the Chief Minister of Bihar for a record 10th time.

"This extraordinary accomplishment reflects your unwavering dedication, commitment, visionary leadership, and the trust and admiration of the people of Bihar," the press note stated.

Lok Sabha passes Bill to levy a special cess on pan masala

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman says the cess will be shared with the States; it will be levied on the production capacity of machines in pan masala manufacturing factories; main aim to meet expenditure on national security and health

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Lok Sabha on Friday passed a Bill to levy a special cess on pan masala and use the fund for improving public health and strengthening national security.

The Health Security *se* National Security Cess Bill, 2025, will introduce a new cess that replaces the existing compensation cess under the GST framework.

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman speaks in the Lok Sabha during the Winter Session of Parliament on Friday. PTI

Sharing with States

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said the cess would be shared with the States, as public health is a State subject.

Replying to the debate on the Bill before it was passed by a voice vote, Ms. Sitharaman said pan masala would be taxed at the maximum 40% rate under the Goods and Services Tax (GST) based on its consumption, and there would be no impact of this cess on GST revenues.

The primary intent behind the newly introduced Health Security (National Cess) Bill, 2025 is to levy a tax specifically on the production capacity of pan masala, a category the government says cannot be effectively brought under the conventional excisable regime, the Finance Minister had clarified on Thursday.

On Friday, Ms. Sitharaman said the Bill's intent was to augment the resources for meeting expenditure on national security and for public health by levying a cess on the machines installed or other processes undertaken to manufacture pan masala and similar goods.

'Resource stream'

The purpose of the Bill is to create a "dedicated and predictable resource stream" for two domains of national importance – health and national security, she said.

The proposed Health and National Security Cess, which will be over and above the GST, will be levied on the production capacity of machines in pan masala manufacturing factories.

Initially the Bill is applicable to pan masala, however, the government may notify to extend the cess to other goods, if necessary.

Ms. Sitharaman added that the cess as a percentage of gross total revenue was 6.1% in the current fiscal, lower than 7% between 2010 to 2014.

IndiGo crisis due to monopoly model of govt.: Opposition

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Rahul Gandhi

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Friday blamed the large-scale disruption of IndiGo flights on what he called the Centre's "monopoly model", arguing that India needs fair competition instead of "match-fixing monopolies".

With IndiGo cancelling nearly 1,000 flights on Friday, creating chaos at airports and leaving thousands of passengers stranded, Mr. Gandhi said ordinary travellers were paying the price for policy failures.

"IndiGo fiasco is the cost of this government's monopoly model. Once again, it's ordinary Indians who pay the price in delays, cancellations and helplessness," he said in a post on X, adding, "India deserves fair competition in every sector, not match-fixing monopolies."

Congress general secretary (organisation) K.C. Venugopal asserted that mass cancellations were the result of the government "sleeping at the wheel", and accused the Narendra Modi government of shrinking what was once a competitive aviation sector into a virtual duopoly.

"The Modi Government has reduced a once-competitive industry to two players, prioritising corporate greed over passengers' interests... What is the mechanism that @MoCA_GoI has set up to ensure passengers get full refunds for these cancelled flights?" the Congress MP asked.

Communist Party of India general secretary D. Raja said his party had cautioned the Centre about the near-monopoly control in the sector, which would ultimately compromise passenger safety, burden pilots and crew and strengthen private airlines at the cost of public interest. "The current collapse of operations at IndiGo proves those concerns," Mr. Raja said on X.

Ruling regime trying to distort Nehru's legacy: Sonia Gandhi

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Sonia Gandhi

Congress Parliamentary Party (CPP) Chairperson Sonia Gandhi on Friday accused the ruling establishment of carrying out a deliberate project to vilify Jawaharlal Nehru, saying the aim is not only to erase India's first Prime Minister from public memory but also to "destroy the social, political and economic foundations" he helped build.

Speaking at the launch of the Nehru Centre India at Jawahar Bhawan, the CPP Chairperson said a "systematic effort" was under way to distort Nehru's ideas and undermine his contribution to the freedom movement and shaping of modern India.

"Let there be no doubt whatsoever that the project to vilify Jawaharlal Nehru is the main objective of the ruling establishment today. Their goal is not just to erase him; it is actually to destroy the social, political, and economic foundations on which our nation has been founded and built," Ms. Gandhi said.

She said Nehru was the prime architect of the modern Indian nation-state who had a steadfast belief in planned economic growth and a commitment to the development of scientific temper. Critique of historical figures is legitimate, she noted, but "deliberate mischief" with Nehru's words and actions is unacceptable. She said those driving this campaign subscribe to an ideology that "had no role in the freedom struggle, no role in drafting the Constitution, and even burnt it".

'Reworking' procedures to resume MGNREGS in West Bengal: Centre informs RS

Sobhana K. Nair
NEW DELHI

The Centre owes West Bengal ₹3,082.52 crore, of which ₹1,457.22 crore is the wages due for completed works. DEBASISH BHADURI

The Union Ministry of Rural Development is currently in the "process of reworking and refining the necessary modalities and procedures" to resume the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) in West Bengal, it told the Rajya Sabha on Friday.

Union Minister of State Kamlesh Paswan filed this reply to a question raised by Trinamool Congress Rajya Sabha leader Derek O' Brien.

The Centre stopped releasing MGNREGS funds to West Bengal in March 2022, citing the State's continued non-compliance with Central directives, and invoked the provisions of Section 27 of the Act.

In June this year, the Calcutta High Court ordered the resumption of MGNREGS in the State. The Centre appealed to the Supreme Court, which sustained the High Court's order in October.

'Vindictive regime'

Trinamool MPs staged a protest in the Parliament complex on Friday, highlighting the Central dues for West Bengal, and accusing a "vindictive regime" of starving an entire State to settle political scores. The Centre owes the State ₹3,082.52 crore, of which ₹1,457.22 crore is the wages due for completed work by registered workers.

Before the funds were stopped in March 2022, West Bengal was one of the top-performing states under the scheme, Mr. O'Brien told *The Hindu*. "These workers dug ponds, repaired roads, built embankments. They earned their wages honestly. For over three years, they have waited silently, invisibly," he said.

Nationwide, the scheme had already spent almost 80% of allocated funds for the financial year 2025-26, with almost four months left in the year. The budget allocation for the year was ₹86,000, of which nearly ₹68,400 crore has been spent, the Ministry told the Rajya Sabha.

New Bill to allow right to 'disconnect' for employees

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A proposed Bill that seeks to allow employees not to entertain work-related calls and emails outside work hours, and one to exempt Tamil Nadu from the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET) for admission to undergraduate medical courses were among a slew of private members' Bills introduced in the Lok Sabha on Friday.

The Right to Disconnect Bill, 2025, which proposes to establish an employees' welfare authority to confer the right on all employees to disconnect from work-related calls and emails beyond work hours and on holidays, was introduced by Nationalist Congress Party MP Supriya Sule.

Congress MP Kadiyam Kavya moved the 'Menstrual Benefits Bill, 2024', aimed to provide facilities at the workplace for women employees during menstruation.

Congress MP Manickam Tagore introduced a Bill to exempt Tamil Nadu from NEET.

Bengal woman returns to India after being forced into Bangladesh

Shiv Sahay Singh
KOLKATA

Sunali Khatun, the pregnant woman from West Bengal who was allegedly pushed into Bangladesh five months ago, returned to India on Friday.

She entered the country with her minor child through Malda district on the India-Bangladesh border, following intervention by the Supreme Court.

Ms. Khatun, who is in an advanced stage of pregnancy, and her child were among a group of six migrants from two families detained by the Delhi Police in June on suspicion of being Bangladeshi nationals and allegedly forced out of India. The remaining four members of the group, are also expected to return soon as the Supreme Court has ordered their repatriation as well.

Their plight came to the fore when they released a video message urging West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee for their repatriation from Bangladesh.

"Finally, after a long battle against the Bangla-Birodhi Zamindars, Sunali Khatun and her minor son have returned to India. This day will be remembered as a historic moment that exposes the torture and atrocities inflicted on poor Bengalis," Samirul Islam, chairperson of West Bengal Migrant Welfare Board, said.

'Language cannot be a basis for deportation'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Lok Sabha on Friday witnessed a heated exchange after Trinamool Congress MP Shatabdi Roy alleged that Bangla-speaking individuals were being deported to Bangladesh, and insisted that "language cannot be a basis" for such action.

Raising the issue during Zero Hour, Ms. Roy spoke in Bangla and cited a reported case of a man deported from Odisha.

When the Chair, Krishna Prasad Tenneti, asked her to state her demand, she continued speaking past her allotted time, prompting her microphone to be switched off.

As BJP MP Jugal Kishore started speaking on another issue, Ms. Roy and fellow Trinamool MP Mahua Moitra attempted to speak into his microphone, forcing the Chair to intervene and ask them to return to their benches.

BJP MP Jagdambika Pal was seen trying to calm the Trinamool members.

Given another chance to conclude, Ms. Roy sharpened her criticism, saying that if Bangla speakers could be sent to Bangladesh, then those speaking in Hindi or Urdu should be sent to Pakistan, triggering fresh protests from the Treasury benches.

BJP MP Sambit Patra responded strongly, calling Ms. Roy's claims "false" and asserting, "Odisha has always welcomed Bengali-speaking people as brothers, but has no place for infiltrators - Bangladeshis or Rohingyas".

SC denies hearing mercy plea of 'godman' in jail for killing wife

Aaratrika Bhaumik
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday declined to entertain a petition seeking a direction to the government to take an expeditious decision on the mercy plea of Swami Shraddhanand, an 87-year-old self-styled godman serving a sentence of imprisonment for burying his wife alive in Bengaluru in 1991. Additional Solicitor-General K.M. Nataraj informed the Bench that the Centre was awaiting Karnataka's opinion. "Once their response comes, we will process it immediately," he said.

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- Package-I Lot-I (I) Rehabilitation of Sewer line From Chimanbhai bridge to Prabodh Raval bridge to Akhabarnagar (2) Rehabilitation of Sewage line from Mithakhali CR to Paldi CR. (Estimated cost- Rs. 84 Cr)
- Package-1 Lot-2 (I) Rehabilitation of main trunk line from Gota Lake to 285 TSPS (Marengo CIMS Hospital char rasta to Iskon Char rasta). (Estimated cost- Rs.139 Cr).
- Package-2 (I) Rehabilitation of sewer line from Vivekanand Circle to Helmet Char Rasta (2) Rehabilitation of sever line from Gota Lake to 285 TSPS (Gota Lake to Marengo CIMS Hospital Char rasta). (Estimated cost- Rs. 207 Cr).
- Package-3 (I) Rehabilitation of main trunk line from Gota Lake to 285 TSPS (Iskon Char Rasta to 285 TSPS) Western Side (Estimated cost- Rs. 233 Cr).
- Package-4 (I) Rehabilitation of sewer line from Baliya Dev Temple to Sonal Cinema to Vasna APMC (2) Rehabilitation of main trunk line from Gulshane maher school to Modern furniture to 285 MLD TSPS (Estimated cost- Rs. 188 Cr).

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INBRIEF

SC rejects petition against Arundhati Roy, publisher

The Supreme Court on Friday dismissed a petition accusing author Arundhati Roy and her publisher Penguin Random House India (Hamish Hamilton) of glamorising tobacco use by featuring a photograph of her with a *beedi* on the front cover of her book *Mother Mary Comes to Me* to promote the work. A Bench of Chief Justice of India Surya Kant and Joymalya Bagchi said neither the author nor the publisher required the photograph to advance the book in the market. The court pointed out that the publisher had already used a disclaimer, clarifying that the cover photograph should not be viewed as an encouragement to smoke. Counsel claimed the disclaimer fell short of a statutory health warning. Justice Bagchi replied that the photo wasn't an advertisement requiring one.

HC upholds ban on recruiting colour-blind persons in CAPF

In a significant ruling, the Delhi High Court has upheld the Centre's 2013 guidelines that bar the recruitment of candidates with defective vision, including colour blindness, into the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) and the Assam Rifles (AR).This policy was challenged before the High Court by three recruits who were discharged during training after being diagnosed with defective vision. A Bench of Justice Subramonium Prasad and Justice Vimal Kumar Yadav, in its November 28 judgment, said it was "not inclined to deem the guidelines as arbitrary, unreasonable or perverse".

Railways adds extra coaches to meet rush of passengers

S. Vijay Kumar
CHENNAI

With the mass cancellation of flights by IndiGo and fares of other airlines skyrocketing, thousands of passengers stranded at airports across the country are heading to nearby railway stations to catch trains to their destinations.

To meet the extra rush of passengers and growing demand for accommodation in air-conditioned coaches, the Indian Railways augmented the capacity of trains across its network.

According to reports on Friday, the Railways added 116 extra coaches to 37 trains, mostly in Southern Railway, Northern Railway, and Western Railway. The coaches included two-tier, three-tier, and AC chair cars.

More coaches would be added soon and the temporary arrangements would continue till the issue of flight cancellations was resolved, an official in Southern Railway said.

On how the passengers reaching railway stations could get the tickets, the official said the berths would be allotted on a first come, first served basis as the reservation for these extra coaches were not acceded to the computerised reservation system yet.

Judges are conscious, won't let AI overpower judicial process: SC

The court was hearing a petition about the dangers of GenAI, which could even create 'hallucinations', resulting in fictitious judgments

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

> The skill of Gen AI to use advanced neural networks and unsupervised learning to generate new data and automate complex processes can lead to 'hallucinations', resulting in fake case laws, AI bias and lengthy observations...
> **PETITION IN SUPREME COURT**

The Supreme Court on Friday said judges were very conscious about the risks emanating from the indiscriminate use of generative artificial intelligence (GenAI) in judicial work and would not let robotic systems take over the judicial administration process in the country.

"We are very conscious, in fact, overconscious. We do not want artificial intelligence overpower the judicial administration process," Chief Justice of India Surya Kant observed.

The court was hearing a petition filed by Kartikeya Rawal, represented by senior advocate Anupam Lal Das and advocate Abhinav Shrivastava, about the dangers of GenAI, which could even create "hallucinations", resulting in fictitious judgments, research material and, worse still, work to perpetuate bias.

Allowing the petitioner to withdraw the plea, the court said Mr. Rawal was free to approach the court on the administrative side with suggestions.

When Mr. Das submitted that there were lower court decisions citing non-existent Supreme Court judgments, the CJI said "let that be a lesson to the Bar to verify everything they research on. The judicial officers also have an equal responsibility to verify". The CJI said judicial officers' training camps were addressing the problems caused by the advent of AI in the legal field.

The petition sought a strict policy or, at least, guidelines to regulate the transparent, secure and uniform use of GenAI in courts, tribunals and other quasi-judicial bodies until a law was put in place.

The petition warned that the opaque use of AI and machine learning technologies in the judicial system would trigger constitutional and human rights concerns. Judiciary must use only data free from bias, and the ownership of that data must be transparent enough to ensure stakeholders' liability.

Generate fake rulings

"The skill of Gen AI to leverage advanced neural networks and unsupervised learning to generate new data, uncover hidden patterns and automate complex processes can lead to 'hallucinations', resulting in fake case laws, AI bias and lengthy observations... This process of hallucinations would mean that GenAI would not be based on precedents but on a law that might not even exist," the petition submitted.

Centre rules out deadline extension for Waqf registration

Ishita Mishra
NEW DELHI

Kiren Rijiju

Minority Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju on Friday said the deadline for registration of Waqf properties on the UMEED portal, a centralised digital platform for real-time uploading, verification, and monitoring of Waqf properties, would not be extended. The deadline ends on Saturday.

He, however, added that no action would be taken against those who attempted the registration process but could not complete it. They can approach the Waqf tribunals in their respective States, he said.

Speaking to presspersons, Mr. Rijiju said the six-month deadline mandated under the Waqf Amendment Act would end on December 6, and could not be extended due to the provisions of the Act, and clear directions of the Supreme Court.

Move tribunal

Recognising the concerns of *mutawallis*, the Minister assured that they would not impose any penalties or take strict action for the next three months as a humanitarian and facilitative measure.

"The Supreme Court was clear on its instructions that the date cannot be extended after the six-month deadline, but the tribunal has the authority to extend it further by up to six months... We try our best to give the maximum relief to our people, but some things are bound by law. Since the Parliament has passed the Waqf Amendment Act, we cannot change the law...," he added

The Minority Affairs Minister said that till now, more than 1.5 lakh Waqf properties had been registered on the UMEED portal. This was less than 20% of the 8.72 lakh Waqf establishments spread across 30 States/Union Territories, covering more than 38 lakh acres of land, as per WAMSI portal.

Some States like Karnataka and Punjab and also Jammu and Kashmir had done well but some others lagged behind, the Minister said.

Weight loss drugs have great action, but can't replace diet and exercise, says diabetes expert

Ramya Kannan
CHENNAI

As the world awaits the launch of 70 different molecules of "weight loss drugs" over the next five to 10 years, the president of the International Diabetes Federation, Peter Schwarz, is still sticking by the old faithfuls of diet and exercise to regulate metabolic activity.

On a day's trip to Chennai to launch the new International Diabetes Federation's Global Physical Activity Consensus Group, Dr. Schwarz spoke at length about what the glucagon-like peptide-1 (GLP-1) therapies have been able to achieve, but went on to bring up the cost factor, and reinstated that forsaking lifestyle-modifying activity will be detrimental.

"A big issue for me is equity in access to diabetes care. The new GLP-1 class of drugs comprises brilliant molecules that have very good action, but they are also very expensive. If you look at diabetes from a global scale, in some countries, this will make diabetes care 22 times more expensive. And from a public health perspective, I believe it's not sustainable," he tells *The Hindu*.

19 fasting styles

"I think a big, big fraction of our people living with type 2 diabetes could reach similar effects by significantly improving physical activity because this is what we are lacking over the last 100 years; and adopting fasting."

The IDF will issue a guideline in April 2027 about 19 different fasting styles for diabetes prevention and diabetes therapy, he says.

A healthy lifestyle is key to regulating metabolic activity.

In terms of physical activity, the new consensus group headed by Anjana Ranjit of Dr. Mohan's Specialities Diabetes Centre will soon come out with an active guideline to help people leverage physical activity in daily life. "Every muscle cell you gain by using physical activity helps you to stay healthy, helps you to become healthy, helps you to control your diabetes and you can literally walk diabetes away," Dr. Schwarz says.

Lifestyle modifications

V. Mohan of Madras Diabetes Research Foundation agrees: "There is no doubt that these drugs are wonderful. There are GLP-1 receptor analogs, dual analogs, and now triple and quadruple analogs are coming up. The weight loss is profound - up to 20 kg. With a triple agent, not yet in clinical use, studies show that the weight loss is equal to bariatric surgery."

The effects are dramatic: weight loss, a drop in HbA1C, and a reduction in liver and pancreatic fat. People might think that just taking a weekly injection can replace diet or exercise. Dr. Mohan interjects: "Diet and exercise are paramount, and only when those fail, do you put a patient on GLP-1. Even the WHO's recent guidelines on the subject insist on continuing lifestyle modifications."

Dr. Anjana says to arrive at a consensus on drawing up guidelines for physical activity, one needs to zero in on a bouquet of activities that will be a culturally acceptable form of physical activity to help control and prevent NCDs. Armed with her experience running a high-intensity interval training dance-based programme, *Thandav*, targetting women, she says the goal is to create active communities and give institutions and governments tools to prioritise activity.

Ex-judges, lawyers write to CJI over Rohingya remarks

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The letter stressed the top court's role as the custodian of rights of the poor and marginalised

Retired High Court judges, senior advocates, and legal scholars have penned an open letter to Chief Justice of India Surya Kant voicing exception to "unconscionable remarks" made by his Bench about Rohingya while hearing a plea on the custodial disappearance of a group in India.

During a December 2 hearing of the petition filed by activist Rita Manchanda, Chief Justice Kant was reported as orally questioning the refugee status of Rohingya and whether intruders ought to be welcomed with a red carpet.

"When those who flee violence and persecution are dismissed with rhetoric that is hostile to their very dignity, it threatens the foundational values of our Constitution and undermines public faith in the courts as a refuge for the vulnerable... We therefore call upon you to reaffirm, in public statements, remarks in court and judicial verdicts, a commitment to constitutional morality based on human dignity and justice for all, regardless of origin," the open letter said.

"The government has issued special documentation to Tibetans and Sri Lankans, recognizing their status as refugees, and allowing them to access basic socio-economic rights... The Citizenship Amendment Act, in fact, grants exemption from the provisions of the Foreigners Act to religious minorities (other than Muslims), fleeing persecution, from Bangladesh, Pakistan or Afghanistan," it read.

The letter was signed by former Delhi High Court Chief Justice A. P. Shah, Justices K. Chandru and Anjana Prakash, along with former Director of the National Judicial Academy Mohan Gopal, senior advocates Rajeev Dhavan, Chander Uday Singh, Colin Gonzalves, Mihir Desai, and Gopal Sankaranarayanan, advocates Kamini Jaiswal, Prashant Bhushan, Cheryl D'souza, Alok Prasanna Kumar, and RTI activists Nikhil Dey and Anjali Bhardwaj, among others.

The letter underscored the role of the Supreme Court as the custodian and final arbiter of the rights of the poor, the dispossessed, and the marginalised.

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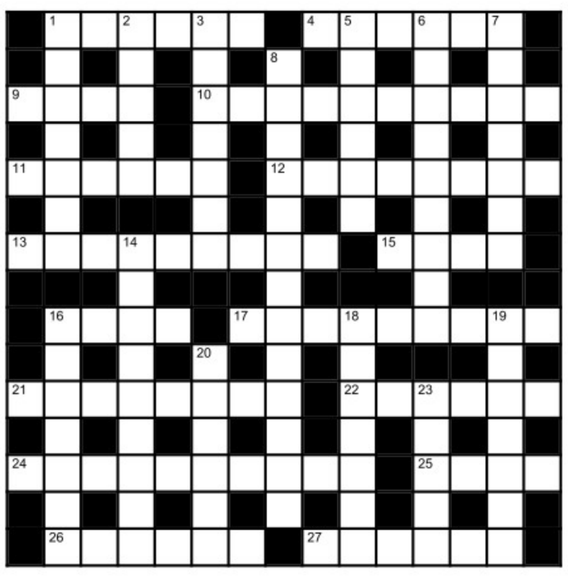

Across

1 Walk to gym - one that's grassy (6)
4 Fish shedding tail almost swimming north (6)
9 Guts of antelope now exposed (4)
10 Germans mainly use gears with nut's head to interlock tools (6-4)
11 Deer's twisted hoof, it's infected at the tip (6)
12 Catch ones in the middle when they get quicker outside (8)
13 Who man perhaps loves - daughter? Or all females? (9)
15 Family crowding around edge of lobby for hotspot? (4)
16 Fat man drops - turns to mush (4)
17 This group's threatening to evict one initially for a bit of cursing to become hospitable (9)
21 Travelling to Togo with nephew? Have fun! (2,2,4)
22 Decorative pieces of dark ironwork cut, arranged in rows (6)
24 Put off by setter's first dance set (10)
25 That girl will abandon society for the underworld (4)
26 Dislike taking top off now (6)
27 Lawyer turns fair and correct (6)

Down

1 Soak ran over musician (7)
2 Europe and Italy purchasing Norway's gas ... it shows lack of interest (5)
3 Panda's head somewhat large, cutting head off creates something like a swine (7)
5 Demand of people... get rid of leader! (6)
6 Man gets surprised, while grasping setter's male seductiveness (9)
7 Fabric that in rain, often gets strong (7)
8 When playing golf, never sing for free (4-9)
14 A company at Rome ordered bonuses finally for everyone (3-6)
16 Colleague copping charge for founder (7)
18 Busy bird died - one that escaped (7)
19 Letter from school put up on lease (7)
20 Ring with mass held by outlaw warrior (6)
23 Hunter firing last bullet shot statesman (5)

SUDOKU

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Solution to previous puzzle

Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Focus on Virat Purusha

King Pareekshit knows he has just a week to live, and he does not want to waste the time available to him. So he asks sage Suka how he should spend the little time left for him in the world. How should he meditate? And what should his focus be? Suka says dhyana can be on the sthula or sukshma forms of Godhead. Focusing on the sukshma form is difficult, explained Valayapet Ramachariar in a discourse. So the best way to begin dhyana is to concentrate on the Supreme form of Lord Krishna, that is on Vishnu as Virat Purusha. This is the form in which the entire Universe is held in His body. This is the Viswarupa form which Arjuna was privileged to see on the battlefield. Suka describes parts of the Lord's body, and talks about how everything that we see as large is a mere part of His body. He begins by talking of the netherworld. Patala constitutes the bottom of the feet of Virat Purusha, rasaatala his heels, mahaatala His ankle, and talaatala His shanks. His knees are Sutala, the thighs are vitala and atala. His hips are maheetala. The sky is His navel.

Svarga loka is His chest, mahar loka His neck. Satya loka is His head. Indra and the other devas are His arms, the 10 directions His ears, the Ashvini kumaras are His ears, the rivers are His veins. Suka says dhyana should begin with concentrating on such a gigantic form of Vishnu. When everything in the Universe is found as a mere part in His body, one gets an idea of His all encompassing nature. The fact that He is the Supreme Brahman gets reinforced in our minds. He is the antaryami of the entire world. In other words, He is the soul, and the Universe the body. Dhyana of course requires control of the senses.

INBRIEF

RBI asks lenders to improve service, reduce grievances

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has directed banks and other regulated entities to improve customer service and reduce grievances. It announced holding a two-month campaign from January 1 to resolve all grievances pending for more than a month with the RBI Ombudsman. "Re-KYC, financial inclusion and *Aapki Poonji, Aapka Adhikar* campaigns are some of the initiatives taken in association with other stakeholders," governor Sanjay Malhotra said.

'India talking to eight more nations for UPI acceptability'

India is talking to about eight countries, including those in East Asia, to make UPI payments acceptable, Financial Services Secretary M. Nagaraju said on Friday. Unified Payment Interface (UPI) is currently accepted in eight countries – Bhutan, Singapore, Qatar, Mauritius, Nepal, UAE, Sri Lanka and France. Acceptability of India's digital payment network overseas enables Indian tourists to make UPI payments for transactions abroad. PTI

Fino Payments Bank gets RBI nod to operate as SFB

Fino Payments Bank Ltd. announced that it had received the RBI's 'in-principle' approval to convert into a small finance bank (SFB). "The 'in-principle' approval is a testament to our consistent performance, ability to take technology-led banking to the masses, promote digital payments and adherence to compliance and regulatory guidelines," said Rishi Gupta, MD & CEO, Fino Payments Bank.

RBI to conduct OMO purchases of 1 lakh cr. G-Secs for liquidity

Regulator 'comfortable' with rupee level, to undertake dollar-rupee swap of $5 bn this month; tariffs have had minimal impact, says governor

Lalatendu Mishra
MUMBAI

Point blank: RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra at a press conference to announce the monetary policy, at the RBI headquarters. PTI

In view of the evolving liquidity conditions and the outlook, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Friday announced to conduct Open Market Operation (OMO) purchases of government securities of ₹1,00,000 crore and a three-year USD/INR Buy Sell swap of $5 billion this month to inject durable liquidity into the system.

Later during the day, the regulator notified purchase of government securities (G-Secs) worth ₹50,000 crore on December 11 and later this month for the remaining ₹50,000.

"I would like to reiterate that we are committed to provide sufficient durable liquidity to the banking system. We continuously assess the durable liquidity requirements of the banking system due to changes in currency in circulation, forex operations, and reserve maintenance," RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra said in his monetary policy statement.

"Going forward too, we shall continue to do so. These measures will ensure adequate durable liquidity in the system and further facilitate monetary transmission," he said.

At the post MPC meet press conference, he clarified that the dollar-rupee swap was a liquidity measure and not to support the depreciating rupee.

Answering multiple questions on the impact of the depreciating rupee, Mr. Malhotra said the RBI was comfortable at this level and had factored in the current level [of over 90 a dollar] in its estimates for the projections.

"We allow the market to determine the rate of the rupee. We do not target any price level or any bands. We believe market is very efficient in the long run. In February 2025, we saw the rupee going to almost 88 level and in three months it came back to below 84," he said.

"So these fluctuations and volatility do happen. Our effort has always been to reduce any abnormal or excessive volatility. The external sector is very strong and will remain strong going forward," he said.

"Also we are having sufficient [forex] reserves, current account is very manageable at about 1% or so. Given these strong fundamentals of our country, we should get good capital flows going forward," he emphasised.

Tariff impact 'minimal'

To a query from *The Hindu* on the impact of the U.S. tariffs on the Indian economy he said, "Mostly the impact is minimal, it's not high because ours is mostly a domestic demand driven economy. A few sectors [such as textiles, leather, shrimps and gem and jewellery] will be impacted and we and the government have given out certain trade relief packages." "I think it [tariff] is an opportunity for us and exporters have already started looking out and improving their productivity. They have also started diversifying," he said.

Odisha is fast becoming India's green industrial hub, says Deputy CM Deo

Saptaparno Ghosh
NEW DELHI

Kanak Vardhan Singh Deo

The Odisha government has approved 53 renewable energy projects worth over ₹13,400 crore and 16 major green industrial projects worth more than ₹2 lakh crore, said Deputy Chief Minister Kanak Vardhan Singh Deo, emphasising that the Eastern India State is fast becoming "India's green industrial hub".

On the importance of renewable energy (RE) in catering to the State's industrial needs, Mr. Deo, also overseeing the State's energy ministry, said clean energy was a "prerequisite for global competitiveness". "By powering steel, aluminium, and chemicals with green electricity and green hydrogen, Odisha aligns industrial growth with sustainability," he told *The Hindu*.

Apart from is industrial use, underlining the importance of RE for rural Odisha, the Deputy CM described it as a means to ensure access to "affordable, reliable power". "Solarising agriculture and moving toward 100% solar-powered feeders by 2047 will ease the burden on farmers and lower diesel dependence," he observed.

The Odisha government aspires to institute 11 gigawatts (GW) of renewable energy capacity by 2030 and is "firmly on course to meet the target". This is inclusive of 7.5 GW of solar energy, 2 GW wind energy, 1.2 GW pumped storage and 0.26 GW small hydro.

Mr. Deo said, "Nearly 70% of the ₹3 lakh crore green-energy investment pipeline will come from private players." Elaborating on the same, he said the Odisha government had worked towards creating "India's most investor-friendly ecosystem" consisting of single-window clearances, a dedicated land bank, upfront land-use conversion, and open access and transmission incentives, among others.

He added that the State government's focus spans solar, wind, biomass, small hydro and emerging green hydrogen. "Floating solar (solar panels installed on floating structures in water bodies) alone has 5,000 MW potential, and we are s tying for it assured offtake through GRIDCO," he said.

Mr. Deo said wind corridors in Koraput, Ganjam and Balasore, new biogas plants and expanded hydro sites are other avenues of investment in rural Odisha.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	FRIDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	85,712	0.52
US Dollar	89.95	-0.06
Gold	1,32,900	0.98
Brent oil	63.75	0.96

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	2265.40	47.50
Adani Ports	1509.40	3.80
Apollo Hosp	7189.50	-11.50
Asian Paints	2968.50	11.30
Axis Bank	1282.50	2.50
Bajaj Auto	9109.00	24.00
Bajaj Finserv	2096.50	47.30
Bajaj Finance	1048.00	18.90
Bharat Elec	406.90	-0.25
Bharti Airtel	2108.80	5.00
Cipla	1520.80	-0.20
Coal India	379.95	0.90
Dr Reddys Lab	1275.20	-2.40
Hindustan Unilever	40.20	0.00
Eicher Motors	7208.00	108.00
Eternal Ltd.	292.40	-3.35
Grasim Ind	2747.00	16.60
HCL Tech	1683.00	28.40
HDFC Bank	1003.30	6.10
HDFC Life	768.30	7.50
Hindalco	823.25	12.45
Hind Unilever	2338.60	-123.60
ICICI Bank	1392.50	5.80
IntGlobeAvi	5370.50	-66.00
Infosys	1616.20	18.60
ITC	404.95	1.90
Jio Financial Services Ltd.	303.75	1.50
JSW Steel	1162.20	11.60
Kotak Bank	2154.90	19.50
L&T	4038.20	54.60
M&M	3717.10	45.50
Maruti Suzuki	16282.00	288.00
Max Healthcare	1097.40	13.50
NestleIndia	1246.90	4.50
NTPC	323.30	0.35
ONGC	241.23	-1.00
PowerGrid Corp	269.80	0.70
Reliance Ind	1540.60	5.00
SBI Life	2023.70	20.80
State Bank	971.50	23.40
Shriram Finance Ltd.	854.90	26.75
Sun Pharma	1805.30	-13.00
TataConsumerProduct	1162.90	14.50
Tata Steel	167.11	0.34
TCS	3238.20	9.00
Tech Mahindra	1570.80	8.50
Titan	3813.30	12.90
Tata Motors PV	353.60	-2.85
Trent Ltd.	4183.10	-32.70
UltraTech Cement	11597.00	-11.00
Wipro	259.91	2.98

Dighi Port set to handle 2 lakh cars annually

Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone on Friday said its subsidiary Dighi Port Ltd. in Maharashtra is set to handle 2 lakh cars per year after its partnership with Motherson. PTI

Foreign investors renew interest in Indian equities: Elara

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

All of the inflows had come in through ETFs

Foreign institutional investors are starting to show renewed interest in Indian markets as the U.S. flow is losing steam and focus is shifting to emerging markets, according to data from a report by Elara Capital released on Friday.

Foreign fund inflow into Indian equities was at a six-month high of $414 million as of this week, mostly led by global interest in emerging economies. Just 15% of this, that is $63 million, pertained to inflows from India focussed funds.

The rest were emerging market funds allocated in India among other markets, according to the report.

The U.S. equity fund flows were at a three-month low of $1.7 billion. After the U.S. announced tariffs, global funds are reducing U.S. exposures and moving to emerging economies. China, Korea, Taiwan, and Brazil dominate this inflow. India, too, took the advantage of it, Elara Capital said. However, all of the inflows into Indian equities came in through exchange traded funds, which are passive funds, that track the exchange. Active funds continued to show an outflow of $46 million. The pace at which the India-focussed funds redeem has reduced, according to the report.

While the revival may be good news for the Indian equity markets, foreign funds have pulled more than ₹1.5 lakh crore as of December 5.

Adani, Hindalco seek Peru copper assets as demand surges

Reuters
NEW DELHI

Javier Paulinich

Indian conglomerate Adan and miner Hindalco Industries are exploring investments in Peru's copper sector, either through joint ventures or by taking stakes in existing mines, a senior Peruvian diplomat told *Reuters*.

Peru, the world's third-largest producer of copper used in sectors such as power lines, construction and manufacturing, is courting new investment as it negotiates a broader free trade agreement with India. "Birla (Hindalco) and Adani are trying to invest in Peru. We are willing to facilitate," Javier Paulinich, Peru's ambassador to India, told *Reuters* in New Delhi.

Peru produced about 2.7 million metric tons of copper in 2024 and attracted $4.96 billion in foreign investment in the sector.

Anticipating a surge in demand and potential supply shortfalls, India, the world's fastest-growing major economy, has urged its mining companies to invest overseas to secure copper supply chains and manage possible disruptions, according to a government policy document published in July.

India, the world's second-biggest importer of refined copper, may have to source 91-97% of its copper concentrate requirements from overseas by 2047, according to official estimates. Adani sent a delegation to Peru earlier this year, Mr. Paulinich said, adding that Hindalco has initiated similar efforts.

Simone Tata, pioneer of Indian fashion, passes away at 95

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Simone Tata. THE HINDU ARCHIVES

Simone Tata, 95, a pioneer in India's fashion industry, passed away on Friday at the Breach Candy Hospital, after a brief illness.

Ms. Simone was the second wife of Naval Tata and her only son Noel Tata is currently the chairman of Tata Trusts and the chairman of three Tata Group companies. This includes Trent, the fashion retail business of the Tata Group, in which Ms.Simone played a pivotal role.

Ms. Tata, a Swiss citizen, who settled in Mumbai after her marriage to Mr. Naval, joined Lakme as its managing director in 1961, and transformed it into the leading cosmetics company that it is today.

"Ms. Simone will always be remembered for her contribution to the growth of Lakmé as India's leading cosmetic brand and laying the foundation for fashion retail with the Westside chain. She guided the work of many philanthropic organisations including Sir Ratan Tata Institute," Tata Sons said in a statement.

She is survived by her son, Noel Tata, daughter-in-law, Aloo Mistry and grandchildren, Neville, Maya, and Leah.

Last respects will be paid on Saturday from 9.00 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Holy Name Church, Colaba.

APPOINTMENT

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GENERAL ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT
Employment Notice No. C1/Rect/ME/01/2025, Dt.02-12-2025

1.	Name of the Post	Marine Engineer (On contract basis)
2.	No. of Posts	1 (One) (OBC)
3.	Consolidated Remuneration	Rs.94,000/- per month (Consolidate)
4.	Essential Educational Qualification & Experience	a) MOT 1st class motor certificate issued under Merchant Shipping Act 1958. b) One year post qualification experience as Chief Engineer / 2nd Engineer on board a foreign going ship.
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NIT No. 45/2025-26

Bids for "Construction of 2 lane Road over bridge (ROB) and RUB in lieu of level crossing No-160 at Banar in Jodhpur on Merta Road-Jodhpur track (at Railway Km 609/5-6) in District Jodhpur on Banar-Bhopalgarh-Kuchera (SH-63) Road in the state of Rajasthan through an Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) Contract" are invited from the interest bidders upto 03:00 PM on 30.12.2025. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on website https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, https://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in. The approximate value of civil works is Rs. 55.54 Crores.

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Tender Inquiry No. PPR - 15/ 2025 **Dated: 03.12.2025**

Chief Engineer/PP&R Organization, Shed No. D-3, Shakti Vihar, PSPCL, Patiala invites E-tender under three part bid system for supply of electrical energy from interstate/intrastate sources viz. Generators, Traders having Valid Inter State Trading License issued by CERC for interstate trading of energy, intrastate trading license issued by PSERC for intrastate trading of energy, State Electricity Boards, State Electricity Utilities, States, IPPs & CPPs from 15th June 2026 to 10th October 2026. The link for the e-Bidding portal is **www.mstcecommerce.com** and is also available on the website of Ministry of Power **(www.Powermin.nic.in)** and PFC Consultancy Limited **(www.pfcindia.com)**. For detailed NIT & tender specifications please refer to **www.mstcecommerce.com** from **03.12.2025** onwards.

Note:- Corrigendum and addendum, if any will be published online at **www.mstcecommerce.com**

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Walk-In-Interview

A Walk In interview for various post of **"Professor, Associate Professor & Assistant Professor" at Soban Singh Jeena Government Institute of Medical Science & Research Almora** will be held on 16-12-2025 at 10:00am on wards in **"Office of the Principal, Soban Singh Jeena Government Institute of Medical Science & Research Almora"**. Registration will be done on the day of interview till 1:00 PM only. The post will be filled on yearly renewal contract basis for a maximum period of 03 (three) years or till regular appointment are made. For further details please visit our website:- **http://www.ssjgimsralmora.org, www.medicaleducation.uk.gov.in & www.hnbumu.ac.in**

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NBHM invites applications for its Master's and Doctoral Scholarships (2026 edition). Selection follows a written test and subsequent interview. The **Written Test** is scheduled for **Saturday, 24 January 2026**. The test scores are also used by several institutions to screen candidates for admission to their PhD / Integrated PhD / Master's programmes. For details, visit https://www.imsc.res.in/~nbhm/

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COLOMBO

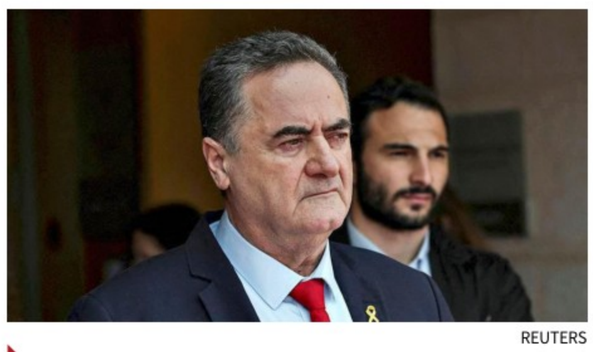
Sri Lanka issues fresh landslide warnings as death toll hits 607

AFP

Heavy rain triggered fresh landslide warnings in Sri Lanka's worst-affected central hills on Friday, as the death toll from last week's Cyclone Ditwah jumped to 607. The National Building Research Organisation (NBRO) said heavy rainfall could further saturate the hills and make them unstable. AFP

JERUSALEM

Israel sets 2026 defence Budget at $34 billion despite Gaza ceasefire

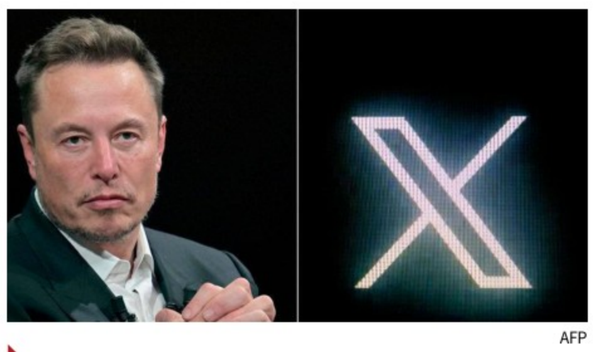


REUTERS

Israel's defence Budget for 2026 has been set at 112 billion shekels ($34.63 billion), the Defence Minister's office said on Friday, up from 90 billion shekels budgeted in an earlier draft. Defence Minister Israel Katz said the military will continue its to address the needs of its fighters and reduce the burden on reservists. REUTERS

BRUSSELS

EU hits Musk's X with €120-mn fine for rule violation, sparking U.S. ire



AFP

The European Union hit Elon Musk's X with a 120-million-euro ($140-million) fine on Friday for breaking its digital rules, sparking an angry reaction from Washington. The breaches include the deceptive design of its "blue checkmark" for supposedly verified accounts, and its failure to provide access to public data. AFP

WASHINGTON

U.S. scraps hepatitis B vaccine recommendation for children

REUTERS

The U.S. on Friday scrapped a long-standing recommendation that all children receive the hepatitis B shot at birth, a win for Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr that experts say will reverse decades of public health gains. The panel voted to keep the birth dose only for infants whose mothers test positive for the virus. REUTERS

Trump strategy shifts from global role, vows 'resistance' in Europe

The national security strategy elevates Latin America to the top of the U.S. agenda in a reorientation from longstanding calls to focus on Asia and China's rise; it says Europe is facing 'civilisational erasure' and pledges to eliminate mass migration

Agence France-Presse
WASHINGTON

U.S. President Donald Trump laid out a radical realignment of U.S. foreign policy on Friday, shifting the long-time superpower's focus from global to regional, brutally criticising Europe as facing "civilisational erasure" and putting a top priority on eliminating mass migration.

The national security strategy, meant to flesh out Mr. Trump's worldview, elevates Latin America to the top of the U.S. agenda in a sharp reorientation from longstanding U.S. calls to focus on Asia to face a rising China.

Policy change: Donald Trump makes an announcement from the Oval Office of the White House in Washington DC. AFP

"In everything we do, we are putting America First," Mr. Trump said in a preamble to the long-awaited paper.

Breaking with decades of attempts to be the sole superpower, the strategy said that the "United States rejects the ill-fated concept of global domination for itself." It said the U.S. would also prevent other powers, namely China, from dominating but added: "This does not mean wasting blood and treasure to curtail the influence of all the world's great and middle powers."

Global presence

The strategy called for a "readjustment of our global military presence to address urgent threats in our Hemisphere," starting with migration. "The era of mass migration must end," the strategy said.

The strategy made clear that the U.S. under Mr. Trump would aggressively pursue similar objectives in Europe, in line with far-right parties' agendas.

In extraordinary language in addressing close allies, the strategy said the administration would be "cultivating resistance to Europe's current trajectory within European nations".

The strategy speaks in bold terms of pressing U.S. dominance in Latin America, where the Trump administration has been striking alleged drug traffickers at sea, intervening to bring down leftist leaders including in Venezuela, and loudly seeking to take charge of key resources such as the Panama Canal.

On China, the strategy repeated calls for a "free and open" Asia-Pacific region but focused more on the nation as an economic competitor.

U.S. widens travel ban to more than 30 countries

Reuters
WASHINGTON

The U.S. plans to expand the number of countries covered by its travel ban to more than 30, U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem said on Thursday.

Ms. Noem, in an interview on Fox News' "The Ingraham Angle," was asked to confirm whether the administration of President Donald Trump would be increasing the number of countries on the travel ban list to 32.

"I won't be specific on the number, but it's over 30, and the President is continuing to evaluate countries," she said.

Mr. Trump signed a proclamation in June banning the citizens of 12 countries from entering the United States and restricting those

Kristi Noem

from seven others, saying it was needed to protect against "foreign terrorists" and other security threats. The bans apply to both immigrants and non-immigrants, such as tourists, students and business travellers.

Ms. Noem did not specify which countries would be added to the list.

"If they don't have a stable government there, if they don't have a country that can sustain itself and tell us who those individuals are and help us vet them, why should we allow people from that country to come here to the United States?" Ms. Noem said.

Reuters previously reported that the Trump administration was considering banning citizens of 36 additional countries from entering the United States, according to an internal State Department cable.

An expansion of the list would mark a further escalation of migration measures the administration has taken since the shooting of two National Guard members in Washington DC last week.

Since returning to office in January, Mr. Trump has aggressively prioritised immigration enforcement, sending federal agents to major U.S. cities and turning away asylum seekers.

Taiwan says China deploys warships in 'military operations'

Agence France-Presse
TAIPEI

Taiwan said on Friday that China had deployed warships for "military operations" stretching hundreds of kilometres from the Yellow Sea to the South China Sea, posing a "threat" to the region.

Beijing, which claims self-ruled Taiwan as part of its territory, neither confirmed nor denied the manoeuvres.

Taiwan's Defence Ministry and other security agencies were monitoring China's activities and had a "complete grasp of the situation", Presidential Office spokesperson Karen Kuo told presspersons. She did not say how many Chinese ships were involved in the deployment, but a security source said the number was "significant".

"This indeed poses a threat and impact on the Indo-Pacific and the entire region," she said.

Taiwan urged China to "exercise restraint", Ms. Kuo said.

Germany approves plan to attract more Army recruits, stops short of conscription

Associated Press
BERLIN

German lawmakers on Friday approved the government's plan to attract more military recruits as the country tries to boost the ranks of its armed forces in the face of rising concern about the threat posed by Russia.

The plan also foresees mandatory medical checks for young men.

It stops short of reintroducing conscription, though it leaves open the possibility of compulsory service for at least a limited number should the need arise.

Parliament's lower house, the Bundestag, approved the plan by 323 votes to 272, with one abstention. It is a modified version of a plan that Chancellor Friedrich Merz's Cabinet approved in August.

Germany has committed billions to improving its military's equipment after years of neglect and the government has turned its attention to trying to persuade more people to join up.

It is not alone in trying to bolster its armed forces;

Germany suspended conscription for men in 2011 and has since struggled to attract volunteers

last week, France unveiled a program to train thousands of volunteers aged 18 and 19 starting next year. Belgium and Poland also have plans to attract more people to train or serve.

Defence Minister Boris Pistorius told lawmakers that "our allies are looking at Germany" and argued that the country has become a "pacesetter for defence in Europe". He said that, with the new legislation, "we are taking a further decisive step for our defence capability".

Germany suspended conscription for men in 2011 and has subsequently struggled to attract large numbers of short-term volunteers.

The plan foresees more attractive pay and conditions for people who join up on a short-term basis, better training and more flexibility on how long people can serve, starting from a minimum of six months.

U.S. President praises Congo, Rwanda as they sign peace deal

Associated Press
WASHINGTON

U.S. President Donald Trump praised the leaders of the Democratic Republic of Congo and Rwanda for their courage as they signed onto a deal on Thursday aimed at ending the conflict in eastern Congo and opening the region's critical mineral reserves to the U.S. government and American companies.

The moment offered Mr. Trump – who has repeatedly and with a measure of exaggeration boasted of brokering peace in some of the world's most entrenched conflicts – another chance to tout himself as a dealmaker extraordinaire on the global stage and make the case that he is deserving of the Nobel Peace Prize.

"It's a great day for Africa, a great day for the world," Mr. Trump said before the leaders signed the pact. He added, "Today, we're succeeding where so many others have failed."

Sport

Norris fastest in practice

FORMULA ONE

Reuters
ABU DHABI

McLaren's Formula One leader Lando Norris made a perfect start to the title-deciding Abu Dhabi Grand Prix weekend with the fastest laps in both Friday practice sessions while Red Bull rival Max Verstappen was second.

The Briton, 12 points clear of the four times World champion after 23 of 24 rounds, was 0.008 quicker in an unrepresentative afternoon session and then 0.363 faster in the second at night under the Yas Marina floodlights.

Verstappen was noted by stewards for impeding Norris in an early misunderstanding after being fed wrong information by his

Setting the pace: Norris made his intentions clear on Friday. AP

race engineer, but they decided not to investigate further. "What's this guy doing? I almost crashed," exclaimed Norris.

Norris' teammate Oscar Piastri, the third title contender but four points behind Verstappen, was 11th on the timesheets after sitting out the first session with Mexican IndyCar driver and F1 reserve Pato O'Ward getting track time. The Australian looked strong on long runs, however.

Mercedes' George Russell, who could play a disruptive role in the title battle on Sunday, was third in practice two with Haas' Oliver Bearman fourth and Nico Hulkenberg fifth for Sauber ahead of his 250th start.

Ton-up Hope, Greaves keep Windies afloat

CRICKET

Agence France-Presse
CHRISTCHURCH

A sparkling unbeaten 116 by Shai Hope, ably supported by Justin Greaves (55 n.o.), guided the West Indies 212 for four at stumps on Friday and clinging to the remote chance it can save the first Test against New Zealand in Christchurch.

The pair has put on 140 runs for the fifth wicket as the visitors chase a mammoth 531-run target.

The scores:

New Zealand 231 & 466 in 109 overs (Latham 145, Ravindra 176, Roach 5/78) vs. West Indies 167 & 212/4 in 74 overs (Hope 116 batting, Greaves 55).

Bengaluru to host tie against the Netherlands

DAVIS CUP

Sports Bureau
BENGALURU

The Davis Cup World Group stage tie between India and the Netherlands will be held at the S.M. Krishna Tennis Stadium here on February 7 and 8, it was announced on Friday.

This men's team tournament follows Karnataka State Lawn Tennis Association (KSLTA) hosting another prestigious competition, the Billie Jean King Cup Play-offs, here last month.

India, ranked No. 33 in Davis Cup ranking, secured its place in the 2026 qualifiers with a 3-1 victory over Switzerland in September this year. Led by Sumit Nagal and Dhakshineswar Suresh, India registered its first win over a European team since 1993.

India faces a strong opponent in the Netherlands, currently ranked No. 6 in the Davis Cup rankings. The 2024 Davis Cup runner-up earned direct entry into the 2026 Qualifiers second round.

"The Davis Cup is all about nationalism and it is a very special event for all of us. We hope this tie inspires young athletes and brings the nation and tennis community together. Bengaluru is honoured to host this prestigious event," Priyank Kharge, KSLTA senior vice-president and chairman of the organising committee said.

ISL clubs make a fervent plea to AIFF

FOOTBALL

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Twelve Indian Super League clubs on Thursday urged the All India Football Federation to resolve the crisis in the domestic game without any further delay, saying that the current situation risks rendering their "ongoing operations untenable".

The Marketing Rights Agreement between the AIFF and its commercial partner Football Sports Development Limited – which organises the ISL – ends on Dec. 8.

"While majority of the clubs have continued to honour salaries and contractual dues to players and staff in good faith, the current position is not merely challenging it is approaching commercial impossibility and risks rendering ongoing operations untenable," the clubs said in a letter to AIFF president Kalyan Chaubey.

The clubs also suggested that AIFF work with the government to submit the actions proposed to be taken with regards to the issues highlighted during the meeting with Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya on or before Dec. 8 so that the apex court is apprised of the remedial pathway.

In reply to the letter, the AIFF said it is "forwarding your mail to the Ministry of Sports, Govt of India for their information and necessary action."

NICE MIX

South Africa has got a balanced batting unit, says Breetzke

R.V. MOORTHY

We've got a nice balance. A couple of guys are proper batters, and then you've got powerhouses like (Dewald) Brevis, (Marco) Jansen and Corbin (Bosch) who can change the game on its head. We complement each other well and there's a lot of confidence at the moment — South Africa batter Matthew Breetzke.

SPECIALISED ROLE

Washington is still learning to bat in the middle overs: ten Doeschate

R.V. MOORTHY

Ryan ten Doeschate has brushed aside all concerns of Washington Sundar's returns with the bat. "Washi is still learning batting, it's become a very specialised role now. Coming in the middle overs with five fielders in the ring, there's certain things he wants to work on. That said, he's had a very good 12 months, or even 16 months."

SETBACK

Discus thrower Seema Punia suspended for doping violation

FILE PHOTO

Former Asian Games gold medallist discus thrower Seema Punia has been suspended for 16 months for a doping violation. The 42-year-old, who had tested positive for a banned substance last year, has been suspended from the date of the National Anti-Doping Disciplinary panel's decision (Nov. 10, 2025).

DOMINANT DISPLAY

India blanks Ireland 4-0 in women's Junior WC hockey

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Purnima Yadav hit a brace to lead India to a dominant 4-0 victory over Ireland in its final Pool-C match at the FIH Junior Women's World Cup in Santiago on Friday. Purnima, Kanika Siwach and Sakshi Rana scored the goals for India. **The result:** India 4 (Purnima 42, 58; Kanika Siwach 12, Sakshi Rana 57) bt Ireland 0.

Little to separate Men in Blue and Proteas in series decider

Focus on the toss and dew; Rohit, Kohli hold the key for India; the home team's fortunes will also depend heavily on how its bowlers, led by the trio of Prasidh, Arshdeep and Harshit, perform; South Africa sweats over Burger and de Zorzi's fitness

SA IN INDIA

Anirudh Velamuri
VISAKHAPATNAM

Surprise element: It will be interesting to see whether Tilak gets a chance in the all-important game. K.R. DEEPAK

Cricket is a religion in India, a unifying force even in the most strenuous situations. The country is currently reeling under a widespread air travel disruption. But even fans dealing with last-minute cancellations and delays found momentary solace in predicting which way the pendulum will swing when India faces South Africa here on Saturday.

And understandably so. After 1,401 runs, including four centuries, and 29 wickets, there's little to separate the two teams heading into the series decider at the ACA-VDCA Stadium.

The Proteas come into the clash with wind beneath their sails, having almost effortlessly completed the joint-highest successful chase by any team against India. They ran the host close in the first ODI and then stunned a packed house in Raipur, chasing down the 359-run target with four balls to spare.

The focus, unsurprisingly, will once again be on the toss, with dew capable of wreaking havoc, as seen in the previous clash. India's dismal record with the coin – having not won one since the 2023 ODI World Cup semifinal (20 matches) – doesn't help.

That said, this venue has been kind to both the Men in Blue and Virat Kohli. While the team has a 7-2 win-loss record in the 50-over format, the veteran has an extraordinary average of 97.83 (587 runs) in seven ODIs, including three centuries.

Kohli has been in sublime form this week, which, as has been the case throughout his career, led to the sluggish ticket sales getting reversed in the second and third phases.

India will also look to Rohit Sharma, the other senior pro, to lead from the front. Rohit and Kohli, in the final phase of their career, have defied the stereotypes about ageing players, with their bodies still as willing as their minds.

They could, however, do well with some support from the rest of the pack, with only K.L. Rahul and Ruturaj Gaikwad making meaningful contributions with the willow so far. All eyes will be on Yashasvi Jaiswal, who has failed to make the most of good starts and playing with an obvious chink in his armour: left-arm pacers, who have dismissed him 16 times to date (nine in Tests, twice in ODIs and five in T20Is) at the international level.

India's fortunes will also depend heavily on how its bowlers, led by the inexperienced trio of Prasidh Krishna, Arshdeep Singh and Harshit Rana, perform. Humidity will also come into play, even if the coastal city has experienced slightly cooler evenings in the days leading to the match.

While India has a full squad to call on, South Africa is awaiting Nandre Burger and Tony de Zorzi's scan results after the pair picked up hamstring injuries in Raipur.

Kohli has scored three centuries back-to-back only once in his ODI career, with one of them coming at this venue in 2018.

Will he feast on this turf again? Will India concede both the Test and ODI series in a bilateral at home for the first time since 1986-87 when it lost to Pakistan?

The teams (from):

India: K.L. Rahul (Capt. & wk), Rohit Sharma, Yashasvi Jaiswal, Virat Kohli, Ruturaj Gaikwad, Washington Sundar, Ravindra Jadeja, Harshit Rana, Kuldeep Yadav, Arshdeep Singh, Prasidh Krishna, Rishabh Pant, Tilak Varma, Dhruv Jurel, Nitish Kumar.

South Africa: Temba Bavuma (Capt.), Aiden Markram, Quinton de Kock (wk), Matthew Breetzke, Dewald Brevis, Tony de Zorzi, Marco Jansen, Corbin Bosch, Keshav Maharaj, Nandre Burger, Lungi Ngidi, Ryan Rickelton, Ottneil Baartman, Rubin Hermann, Prenelan Subrayen.

Match starts at 1.30 p.m.

Weatherald, Labuschagne and Smith lead the charge

THE ASHES

Agence France-Presse
BRISBANE

Blazing knock: Opener Weatherald slammed 12 fours and a six in his 78-ball 72. AFP

A relentless Australia took a 44-run lead over England in the day-night second Ashes Test in Brisbane on Friday, with aggressive opener Jake Weatherald, No. 3 Marnus Labuschagne and skipper Steve Smith leading the charge.

By stumps the host had not only reeled in England's first-innings 334 but raced clear, ending a draining day two on 378 for six in front of a big crowd at a humid Gabba.

Alex Carey, who was dropped first ball and again on 25, was unbeaten on 46 with Michael Neser on 15, but England's pace cartel made inroads under lights in the evening session.

Australia was cruising at 291 for three before the expensive Brydon Carse removed Cameron Green (45) and Smith (61) in four deliveries to rekindle hope as England's short-ball tactics paid off.

Weatherald, in only his second Test, slammed 12 fours and a six in a punchy knock before being trapped in front by Jofra Archer with an angled yorker.

Labuschagne was similarly assured, cracking 65 as the shadows moved over the ground. But as he looked destined for another ton, England captain Ben Stokes got the crucial breakthrough. Smith appeared immovable, but Carse tempted him into a hook shot that Will Jacks caught spectacularly at backward square leg.

England was dismissed in the second over of the day with Joe Root the last man standing on 138.

He added nine to the overnight score with Archer before the No. 11 fell for a career-best 38, caught brilliantly by a diving Labuschagne in the deep to end a valuable 10th-wicket partnership of 70.

SCOREBOARD

England — 1st innings: Zak Crawley c Carey b Neser 76, Ben Duckett c Labuschagne b Starc 0, Ollie Pope b Starc 0, Joe Root (not out) 138, Harry Brook c Steve Smith b Starc 31, Ben Stokes run out 19, Jamie Smith b Boland 0, Will Jacks c Steve Smith b Starc 19, Gus Atkinson c Carey b Starc 4, Brydon Carse c Carey b Starc 0, Jofra Archer c Labuschagne b Doggett 38; Extras (b-4, lb-1, nb-1, w-3): 9; Total (in 76.2 overs): 334.

Fall of wickets: 1-5, 2-5, 3-122, 4-176, 5-210, 6-211, 7-251, 8-264, 9-264.

Australia bowling: Starc 20-0-75-6, Neser 14-3-43-1, Boland 19-1-87-1, Doggett 15.2-1-81-1, Green 8-1-43-0.

Australia — 1st innings: Travis Head c Atkinson b Carse 33, Jake Weatherald lbw b Archer 72, Marnus Labuschagne c Jamie Smith b Stokes 65, Steve Smith c Jacks b Carse 61, Cameron Green b Carse 45, Alex Carey (batting) 46, Josh Inglis b Stokes 23, Michael Neser (batting) 15; Extras (b-4, lb-7, nb-3, w-4): 18; Total (for six wkts. in 73 overs): 378.

Fall of wickets: 1-77, 2-146, 3-196, 4-291, 5-292, 6-329.

England bowling: Archer 20-2-74-1, Atkinson 18-4-78-0, Carse 17-1-113-3, Stokes 17-0-93-2, Jacks 1-0-9-0.

Time to fire: Jaiswal will be keen to come good. K.R. DEEPAK

'Addressing drop in run-rate at the death'

Anirudh Velamuri
VISAKHAPATNAM

Ahead of the series decider against South Africa, Ryan ten Doeschate stated that India has been working on addressing the drop in run-rate in the death overs.

"The slight slowdown in both games was a combination of the wickets slowing up a little bit as the ball got older. And then, when new guys come in, it does take a little bit of time to settle. We spoke about it, exactly that, how we're going to manage the tail and how we can go a little bit harder," said India's assistant coach.

With dew playing a big part so far, the Dutchman admitted tweaking match timings was a solution but understands the larger challenges.

"The dew falls as the second inning starts, and is there for the whole time. That effect could come down a little bit if you started two hours early. That is a solution, but there's so many moving parts at play, in terms of broadcasting."

He also discussed the role of the two-ball rule in ODIs, particularly when discussing dew. "The flipside is that you've got one ball that's getting more wet, essentially. The umpires have been very good in allowing ball changes.

India shoots out Belgium, moves into the semifinal

JR. HOCKEY WC

K. Keerthivasan
CHENNAI

Pure joy: Tiwari, fourth from right, is the toast of his teammates after putting India ahead. B. JOTHI RAMALINGAM

It was a cliffhanger in every sense. The spectators were kept on the edge of their seats until the last second, and India ultimately gave them plenty to cheer as it edged out Belgium 4-3 in a nerve-wracking penalty shootout after the teams were tied 2-2 at the end of regulation time in the quarterfinals of the FIH junior World Cup on Friday.

For India, Rohit and Sharda Nand Tiwari scored in regulation time, both through penalty corners, while Belgium had gone ahead early through Gaspard Cornez-Massant, who unleashed a stunning reverse tomahawk after a slick exchange with Mathis Lawrence.

India's moment of resurgence came early in the fourth quarter when Tiwari produced an immaculate penalty corner conversion to make it 2-1. But, with barely a fraction of a second remaining, Nathan Rogge got the faintest of touches to guide the ball into the post, dramatically forcing the shootout.

The hero of India's triumph was goalkeeper Princedeep Singh, who produced crucial saves in the shootout. With the scores level 3-3, Princedeep showed remarkable speed and composure to thwart Nicolas Bogaerts.

Earlier, seven-time champion Germany prevailed over France 3-1 in a nervy shootout while Spain defeated New Zealand 4-3 through a last-gasp penalty corner conversion by Avila Bruno.

The results (quarterfinals):
India 2 (Rohit 44-pc, Sharda Nand Tiwari 47-pc) drew with Belgium 2 (Gaspard Cornez-Massant 12, Nathan Rogge 59). India won 4-3 via shootout.
Spain 4 (Nicolas Mustros 1, Josep Martin 9, Albert Serrahima 12, Avila Bruno 59-pc) bt New Zealand 3 (Sam Lints 21 & 59, Ryan Parr 33-pc); Germany 2 (Alec von Schwerin 29, Paul Gladner 35-pc) drew with France 2 (Malo Martinache 29-pc, Hugo Dolou 54). Germany won 3-1 via shootout; Argentina 1 (Tomas Ruiz 51-pc) bt Netherlands 0.
Semifinal line-up: Dec. 7: India vs. Germany; Spain vs. Argentina.

Battlelines drawn: The groupings for the 2026 FIFA World Cup. REUTERS

Mexico to meet South Africa in inaugural match on June 11

FIFA WORLD CUP

Associated Press
WASHINGTON

Argentina and Lionel Messi will play Algeria to open its World Cup title defence as part of a group that also includes Austria and Jordan.

The United States was drawn on Friday to start against Paraguay at Inglewood, California, on June 12, a day after Mexico hosts the opener against South Africa.

Football officials and celebrities filled the hall, 189 days before the expanded 48-nation, 104-game tournament.

Earlier in the ceremony, FIFA awarded its first peace prize to U.S. President Donald Trump.

Retired stars Tom Brady of the NFL, Shaquille O'Neal of the NBA and Wayne Gretzky of the NHL along with three-time AL MVP Aaron Judge were to assist in a ceremony run by former England captain Rio Ferdinand.

All 11 of the highest-ranked teams were in the draw, with No. 12 Italy among 22 nations competing in playoffs for the final six berths .

The remaining qualifiers:
Group A: UEFA playoff D (Czechia, Denmark, North Macedonia or Republic of Ireland).
Group B: UEFA playoff A (Bosnia and Herzegovina, Italy, Northern Ireland or Wales).
Group D: UEFA playoff C (Kosovo, Romania, Slovakia or Turkiye).
Group F: UEFA playoff B (Albania, Poland, Sweden or Ukraine).
Group I: FIFA playoff 2 (Bolivia, Iraq or Suriname).
Group K: FIFA playoff 1 (DR Congo, Jamaica or New Caledonia).

INBRIEF

Velavan, Anahat take honours in HCL Squash Indian Tour 4

Top seeds Velavan Senthilkumar and Anahat Singh emerged winners in the HCL Squash Indian Tour 4, which concluded at the Indian Squash Academy in Chennai on Friday.

The results (final): Men: Velavan bt Adam Hawal (Egy) 11-7, 11-9, 9-11, 11-4; **women:** Anahat bt Joshna Chinappa 11-8, 11-13, 11-13, 11-6, 11-8.

DYES edges Blitz FC in BDFA 'A' division football league

DYES FC edged out Blitz FC 1-0 in the BDFA 'A' division football league in Bengaluru on Friday.

The results: DYES FC bt Blitz FC 1-0; Technico FF bt Real Chikkamagaluru FC 1-0; FC Deccan bt Sree Gajanana FC 2-1.

Karnataka women enter u-23 T20 quarterfinals

Karnataka beat Punjab in the BCCI under-23 women's T20 trophy pre-quarterfinal at Ahmedabad.

The scores: Punjab 95/9 in 20 overs (Himanshi Saini 51 n.o., Deeksha Honushree 4/15) lost to Karnataka 96/5 in 19.5 overs (Niki Prasad 44 n.o.).

Man United rues missed chance in West Ham draw

Manchester United's issues defending a lead cost it a place in the Premier League's top five after lowly West Ham hit back to salvage a 1-1 draw at Old Trafford on Thursday.

The result: Manchester United 1 (Dalot 58) drew with West Ham 1 (Magassa 83).

LIVE TELECAST

SMAT: JioHotstar, 9, 11.30 a.m., 1.30 & 4.30 p.m.
Hockey: Junior World Cup, SS Select 1 & JioHotstar, 9 a.m.
The Ashes: 2nd Test, day 3, SS 1 & JioHotstar, 9.30 a.m.
India vs South Africa: 3rd ODI, Star Sports 2 & JioHotstar, 1.30 p.m.
Premier League: SS Select 2 & JioHotstar, 6, 8.30, 11 p.m.
LaLiga: FanCode, 6.30, 8.45, 11 p.m. & 1.30 a.m. (Sunday)
Formula One: Abu Dhabi GP (Qualifying), F1 TV, F1 TV Pro App & FanCode, 7.30 p.m.
Serie A: DAZN, 7.30 & 10 p.m.
Bundesliga: Sony Sports Ten 2 & LIV, 8 & 11 p.m.

'Whenever I'm fully fit, you'll see me in India colours again'

The Assam all-rounder, who is going through a slump in the SMAT, is confident of regaining his touch; the 24-year-old adds that 'he has been through these phases many times'

CRICKET

Dhruva Prasad
LUCKNOW

Riyan Parag, who last played for India over a year ago, believes he isn't part of the national setup currently because of a shoulder injury and that he can play both white-ball formats for the Men in Blue.

"I felt I was pretty decent [for India]. This is my belief, or overconfidence; you can say whatever you want. But I know that because my shoulder was injured, I am currently not playing for India. Otherwise, I think I can play both white-ball formats [for India]. Whenever I am fully fit, you will see me in India colours again," Parag told *The Hindu* after leading Assam to a 58-run win over Vidarbha in the ongoing Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy at the Ekana Cricket Stadium here on Thursday.

Honest take: Parag feels a shoulder injury has kept him out of the Indian team. FILE PHOTO: VIJAY SONEJI

Though Parag has had a forgettable time with the bat, scoring just 39 runs in five innings, he isn't too concerned about his recent slump.

"I have been through these phases too many times. In domestic cricket and the Indian Premier League (IPL), there have been three to four years where I have had to struggle a lot," Parag said.

"This [Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy] is all for muscle memory. If I score runs, then it is very good. If I don't score, it is not like I won't score in the IPL," the all-rounder added.

With Rajasthan Royals trading Sanju Samson to Chennai Super Kings ahead of next year's IPL, Parag, who is a candidate for full-time RR captaincy, admitted he will miss the Kerala batter's presence in the dressing room.

"I don't want to think about his absence, because I will feel bad. I was very close to Sanju *bhaiya* when I came into the team. He never let me feel that I was a 17 or 18-year-old boy from Assam," Parag said.

Veteran Dogra relishes the role of a talent scout

Y.B. Sarangi
KOLKATA

Unlike other cricketers, 41-year-old Paras Dogra has switched from red ball to white ball cricket differently this season.

While his Jammu & Kashmir teammates have tweaked their on-field skills for the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy, Dogra has worked beyond the field of play during the Ranji Trophy interval. Sitting inside a tent at the Jadavpur University ground during the SMAT matches here, Dogra, who captained Jammu and Kashmir in the first half of the Ranji Trophy last month, has been a talent-spotting scout for IPL side Punjab Kings (PBKS).

"If I feel someone is good, then I inform the team. Then, it's the management's decision. I've been scouting talent for the last four years.

Dogra. FILE PHOTO: SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

"I did it even when I played in the SMAT," Dogra, who last played in the SMAT in 2024, told the *The Hindu*. "For the matches in which I played, it was easy. For other engagements, I used to either stay back after our match or come to the ground earlier than our team." Someone who has been playing First Class cricket for two decades and has sported colours of PBKS, Kolkata Knight Riders and Rajasthan Royals in the IPL, Dogra feels T20 has enriched the game.

"The game has become faster and more exciting. You can see its impact in red ball cricket. Rishabh Pant and Travis Head are the prime examples of this. There is more entertainment and money," said Dogra.

Even though he is not sure whether he will get a chance to play in the Vijay Hazare Trophy, Dogra enjoys his current T20 role.

"I'm just contributing to the game. Maybe God has some plans for me in the future," he said.

Knockout matches shifted from Indore to Pune

Shayan Acharya
MUMBAI

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has shifted the knockouts of the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy from Indore to Pune due to logistical issues.

While the Madhya Pradesh Cricket Association (MPCA) reportedly informed the Board a fortnight ago about its inability to host the tournament due to non-availability of hotel rooms for the teams, the BCCI secretary Devajit Saikia confirmed to *Sportstar* on Friday that the knockout stage has been moved to Pune.

How Cummins helped Ashok find his bearings

S. Prasanna Venkatesan
AHMEDABAD

Rajasthan pacer Ashok Sharma, who is now the leading wicket-taker with 16 wickets from five matches in the ongoing Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy, identifies himself as a hard-length bowler. That's one big takeaway from his conversations with Pat Cummins at the Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) camp in IPL 2022.

"He asked me a simple question: 'What kind of a bowler are you?' He explained: 'All bowlers are different – some hit the hard length, some bowl good slower deliveries.'

"I told him that I can bowl hard-length deliveries effectively. He told me to back my strength irrespective of the format I was playing," he said after his team's two-wicket win over Saurashtra at the Narendra Modi Stadium B-Ground here on Thursday. "He asked me to work more on it. So, I worked on it and have been executing it well." Ashok followed up his four for 16 versus Uttarakhand with a four for 20 on what he described as a "hard-length wicket."

"I didn't have to try anything extra, just bowl fast on a hard length," he said. Bowling fast comes naturally to him. At 23, he can crank it up to 145 kph and even prefers rushing batters with his bouncers.

A farmer's son from the village of Rampura, he's come up the hard way, helped by a sacrifice at home – his elder brother quit cricket because their father could afford coaching for only one sibling.

Ashok. FILE PHOTO: NAGARA GOPAL

SYED MUSHTAQ ALI TROPHY — SATURDAY'S FIXTURES

Elite: Group A (Lucknow): Assam vs. Odisha, Chhattisgarh vs. Mumbai, Andhra vs. Kerala, Railways vs. Vidarbha.
Group B (Kolkata): Chandigarh vs. Madhya Pradesh, Goa vs. Jammu & Kashmir, Bihar vs. Hyderabad, Maharashtra vs. Uttar Pradesh.
Group C (Hyderabad): Bengal vs. Pondicherry, Gujarat vs. Himachal Pradesh, Baroda vs. Haryana, Punjab vs. Services.
Group D (Ahmedabad): Jharkhand vs. Tamil Nadu, Karnataka vs. Saurashtra, Delhi vs. Rajasthan, Tripura vs. Uttarakhand.
Plate (Pune): Final: Sikkim vs. Mizoram.

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